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GENTLEMEN,

THE episcopal clergy in this city, together with a committee, appointed by the vestry of Christ Church and St. Peter's, and another committee, appointed by the vestry of St. Paul's Church, in the same city, for the purpose of proposing a plan of ecclesiastical government, being now assembled, are of opinion, that a subject of such importance ought to be taken up, if possible, with the general concurrence of the episcopals in the United States.

They have therefore resolved, as preparatory to a general consultation, to request the church-wardens and vestrymen of each episcopal congregation in the state, to delegate one or more of their body, to assist at a meeting, to be held in this city, on Monday, the 24th day of May next; and such clergymen as have parochial cure in the said congregations, to attend the meetings; which they hope will contain a full representation of the episcopal church in this state. The above resolve, Gentlemen, the first step in their proceedings, they now respectfully and affectionately communicate to you.

Signed, in behalf of the body now assembled,

W. WHITE, Chairman.

Resolved, That a circular letter be sent to some one gentleman in each of the said congregations; and that copies of the same be left with the chairman, the respective directions to be supplied by him, after due enquiry; and that the letter be as follows, viz.

S I R,

THE body herein mentioned, being informed that you are a member of the episcopal church in —, and always ready to attend to its concerns, take the liberty of requesting you to deliver the enclosed.

Signed, in behalf of the said body,

W. WHITE, Chairman.

Resolved, That the letters addressed to the churches formerly included in the mission of Radnor, be inclosed under cover to the Rev. William Carrie, their former pastor, and that the clergy be desired to accompany them with a letter to the said reverend gentleman, requesting his assistance at the proposed meeting.

Resolved, That as the Rev. Joseph Hutchins is the Minister of the churches formerly included in the mission of Lancaster, the circular letter be addressed to him, and not to the church-wardens and vestrymen of the said congregations.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the vestries, under whose appointments these proceedings are made, to cause the same to be read to their respective congregations on Easter-Monday, at their annual election of church-wardens and vestrymen. The chairman was empowered to call a meeting, at any time previous to Easter.

Adjourned.

At the House of the Rev. Dr. White, April 6th, 1784.

The clergy and committees met.

The chairman reported, that he had forwarded letters to every church, of which he could receive information; and that there were two small congregations, which were never provided with an incumbent, of which he had not yet been able to ascertain, whether they lie in Chester county, or in the state of Delaware. He was desired to make further enquiry; and, in case they should be found to be in Chester county, to invite them to the intended meeting.

The foregoing is a true journal of the proceedings of the episcopal clergy, and committees from the vestries of the episcopal churches in Philadelphia, at their different meetings.

Signed, in behalf of the said body,

W. WHITE, Chairman.

P. S. It appearing that the Rev. Mr. Illing was the minister of the episcopal church in Caernarvon and Pequæa, and that the Rev. Mr. Mitchel had gathered a congregation at Fort Pitt, the clergy wrote to those gentlemen, inviting them to the meeting, together with delegates from their vestries, the committees of the two vestries being at that time dissolved by the election at Easter.

C H R I S T - C H U R C H, May 24th, 1784.

In consequence of a circular letter, written by the clergy and committees from the vestries of the episcopal churches in this city, sundry gentlemen assembled, at the aforesaid time and place.

P R E S E N T.

From Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Rev. William White, D. D. Rev.

Robert Blackwell, Mr. Matthew Clarkson, Mr. William Pollard, Dr. Clarkson, and Mr. John Chaloner.

From St. Paul's Church, Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. Mr. Lambert Wilmer, and Plunket Fleeson, Esquire.

St. James's, Bristol, Mr. Christopher Menick.

Trinity-Church, Oxford, Mr. Benjamin Cottman.

All-Saints, Pemapecka, Mr. Benjamin Johnson.

St. Paul's, Chester, Dr. Wm. Currie and Mr. James Withy.

From St. David's, Radnor, Richard Willing, Esquire.

From St. Peter's, in the Valley, Mr. John Francis.

From St. Martin's, Marcus-Hook, Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Some other gentlemen being expected, the company adjourned till the next morning, 10 o'clock.

C H R I S T - C H U R C H, Tuesday, May 25th, 1784.

The gentlemen met, according to adjournment; present also,

From St. James's, Lancaster, Rev. Jos. Hutchins and W. Parr, Esquire.

From St. James's, Perkioming, Dr. Robert Shannon and Mr. John Bean.

From St. John's, New-London, Mr. John Wade,

From Huntington Church, York County, Mr. Joseph Folks.

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The Rev. Dr. White was chosen chairman, and Mr. William Pollard, clerk.

The gentlemen assembled, after some conversation concerning a concurrence with their brethren in the other states, in means for the preservation of their communion, agreed to appoint a committee to consider the matter more maturely, and to report at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The committee appointed consisted of the clergy, Dr. Clarkson, Mr. Parr, Mr. Willing, Mr. Fleson and Dr. Shannon.

Resolved, That each church shall have one vote, whether represented by one or more persons; or whether two or more united congregations be represented by one man, or set of men.

Adjourned.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The committees met.

The Hon. James Read, Esquire, from St. Mary's church, Reading, and Mr. George Douglass, from St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, in Berks county, joined the meeting.

The committee appointed in the morning reported, as follows :

" That they think it expedient to appoint a standing committee of the episcopal church in this state, consisting of clergy and laity; that the said committee be empowered to correspond and confer with representatives from the episcopal church in the other states, or any of them; and assist in framing an ecclesiastical government; that a constitution of ecclesiastical government, when framed, be reported to the several congregations, through their respective ministers, church-wardens and vestrymen, to be binding on all the congregations consenting to it, as soon as a majority of the congregations shall have consented; that a majority of the committee, or any less number by them appointed, be a quorum; that they be desired to keep minutes of their proceedings; and that they be bound by the following instructions, or fundamental principles.

First. That the episcopal church in these states is, and ought to be, independent of all foreign authority, ecclesiastical or civil.

Second. That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive powers to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

Third. That the doctrines of the gospel be maintained, as now professed by the church of England; and uniformity of worship continued, as near as may be, to the liturgy of the said church.

Fourth. That the succession of the ministry be agreeable to the usage, which requireth the three orders of bishops, priests, and deacons; that the rights and powers of the same, respectively, be ascertained; and that they be exercised, according to reasonable laws, to be duly made.

Fifth. That to make canons, or laws, there be no other authority, than that of a representative body of the clergy and laity conjointly.

Sixth. That no powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical government, except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the clergy and laity, in their respective congregations."

The above report, after having been considered by paragraphs, was adopted; and the committee chosen in consequence thereof were as follow: The Rev. Dr. White, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Mr. Hutchins, the Rev. Mr. Blackwell; Matthew Clarkson, Plunket Fleson, Richard

Willing,

Willing, and the Hon. James Read, Esquires; Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Dr. Robert Shannon, Mr. John Chaloner, and Mr. Benjamin Johnson. Then the meeting of the committees ended.

CHRIST-CHURCH, May 26th, 1784.

The standing committee of the episcopal church met for the first time; present,

Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Mr. Hutchins, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Read, Mr. Fleeceon, Mr. M. Clarkson, Mr. Chaloner, Dr. Shannon, and Dr. Clarkson.

The Rev. Dr. White was elected chairman; Dr. Clarkson was chosen clerk.

Resolved, That the chairman and clerk be, and they are hereby, requested to procure three hundred copies of the minutes, under which the committee act, to be printed immediately.

Resolved, That a minute-book be provided for the committee; and that the proceedings, which led to their appointment, be copied therein.

The chairman was desired to forward a printed copy of the proceedings of the late meeting, to every congregation of the episcopal church in the state.

Adjourned.

CHRIST-CHURCH, September 1st, 1784.

The committee met, in consequence of notice from the chairman; present,

Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell; Mr. Read, Mr. Fleeceon, Mr. M. Clarkson, Mr. Willing, Mr. Chaloner.

Resolved, That all the powers of this committee be, and they are hereby, conveyed to such of their members, or a majority of them, as shall be present at a meeting of clergy and others, to be held in the city of New-York, on Tuesday, the 5th of October next; these powers to continue during their stay in said city.

Resolved, That the members be directed to request of the aforesaid meeting, that Samuel Powel, Esquire, who will be in New-York on the said 5th of October, may be present at their deliberations, that the committee may receive the benefit of his advice.

Resolved, That the same request be made in favor of the Rev. John Campbell, lately settled in this state, as a clergyman, should he be at the said meeting.

Adjourned.

NEW-YORK, October 6th and 7th, 1784.

The committee assembled, agreeably to the powers vested in them by their appointment, and by the vote of the committee at their last meeting in Philadelphia; present,

Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Matthew Clarkson, and Richard Willing, Esquires; also, by desire, Samuel Powel and Richard Peters, Esquires.

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The committee joined in conference and deliberation with sundry clergymen and others from the episcopal church in several states; of which the following was the result:

JOURNAL of a Convention of Clergymen and Lay-deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United-States of America, held in New-York; October 6th and 7th, 1784.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

From Massachusetts and Rhode-Island, Rev. Samuel Parker, A. M.

Connecticut, Rev. John R. Marshall.

New-York, Rev. Samuel Provost, A. M. Rev. Abraham Beach, A. M.

Rev. Benjamin Moore, A. M. Rev. Joshua Bloomer, A. M. Rev.

Leonard Cutting, A. M. Rev. Thomas Moore, Hon. James Duane,

Marinus Willet, and John Alsop, Esquires.

New-Jersey, Rev. Uzal Ogden, Mr. Samuel Spragg, John De Hart, and

John Chetwood, Esquires.

Pennsylvania, Rev. William White, D. D. Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D.

Rev. Joseph Hutchins, A. M. Matthew Clarkson, Richard Willing,

Samuel Powel, and Richard Peters, Esquires.

Delaware, Rev. Sydenham Thorne, Rev. Charles Wharton, Mr. Robert Clay.

Maryland, Rev. William Smith, D. D.

N. B. The Rev. Mr. Griffith, from the state of Virginia, was present, by permission. The clergy of that state, being restricted by laws yet in force there, were not at liberty to send delegates, or consent to any alterations in the order, government, doctrine, or worship of the church.

The body now assembled recommend to the clergy and congregations of their communion in the states represented as above, and propose to those of the states not represented,—that as soon as they shall have organized or associated themselves in the states, to which they respectively belong, agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper, they unite in a general ecclesiastical constitution, on the following fundamental principles.

First. That there be a general convention of the episcopal church in the United States of America.

Second. That the episcopal church in each state send deputies to the convention, consisting of clergy and laity.

Third. That associated congregations in two or more states may send deputies jointly.

Fourth. That the said church shall maintain the doctrines of the gospel, as now held by the church of England; and shall adhere to the liturgy of the said church, as far as shall be consistent with the American revolution, and the constitutions of the respective states.

Fifth. That in every state, where there shall be a bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the convention, *ex officio*.

Sixth. That the clergy and laity assembled in convention, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately; and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Seventh.

Seventh. That the first meeting of the convention shall be at Philadelphia, the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the episcopal churches in the several states will send their clerical and lay-deputies, duly instructed and authorized to proceed on the necessary business, herein proposed for their deliberation.

Signed, by order of the convention,

WILLIAM SMITH, D. D. President.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, February 7th, 1785.

The committee met at the house of the Rev. Dr. White; present, the Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Read, Mr. M. Clarkson, Mr. Chaloner, and Dr. Clarkson.

After due deliberation, it was

Resolved, That there be sent to every clergyman and congregation of the episcopal church in the state, an account of the proceedings of this committee, in concurrence with sundry clergymen and others, at a meeting in the city of New-York, on the 6th and 7th days of October last; that it be recommended, that the clergy, and deputies from the several congregations, assemble in Christ-Church, in this city, on Monday, the 23d day of May next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, in order to organize the episcopal church in this state, agreeably to the intentions of the body assembled in New-York, as aforesaid; and that it be recommended to the vestries to declare, at some congregational meeting, the object of the intended meeting in May, and to propose to the congregations, to enable them to send deputies, duly authorized, to the said meeting.

Adjourned.

J O U R N A L S

OF THE

FIRST, SIX CONVENTIONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

JOURNAL of the First Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23d, 1785.

IN consequence of a recommendation from sundry of the clergy and laity, assembled at New-York, October 6th and 7th, 1784, for organizing and associating the clergy and congregations of the protestant episcopal church in the different states, the following gentlemen met in Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Monday, May 23d, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Rev. Dr. William White, rector of Christ-Church and St. Peter's,
Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw, rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Robert Blackwell, assistant minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
Rev. Dr. William Smith, rector of All-Saints, Pemaepceka, and Trinity-Church, Oxford.

Rev. Joseph Hutchins, rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

Rev. John Campbell, rector of York and Huntington churches.

Joseph Swift, Esquire, deputy from Christ-Church.

Samuel Powel, Esquire, deputy from St. Peter's.

Plunket Fleeson, Esquire, Mr. John Wood, Mr. Andrew Doz, deputies from St. Paul's.

Edward Hand, Esquire, deputy from St. James's, Lancaster.

Mr. John Francis, deputy from St. Peter's, Tredyffryn.

Mr. Nicholas Jones, deputy from St. Gabriel's, Morlatton.

Mr. Jacob Ashton, deputy from All-Saints, Pemaepceka, and Trinity-Church, Oxford.

Hon. James Read, Esquire, deputy from Reading, Berks county.

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The following gentlemen, viz, Mr. Swift, Mr. Powel, Mr. Fleson, Mr. Wood, Mr. Doz, Mr. Hand, Mr. Jones, and the Rev. Mr. Campbell, produced their credentials, which were read, and ordered to be recorded; after which the convention proceeded to the choice of a president and secretary; when the Rev. Dr. White was unanimously chosen president, and Mr. Powel, secretary.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The convention met.

Resolved, That the President, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Shippen, and Mr. Hand, be a committee, to prepare an act of association of the clergy and congregations of the protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania, who shall meet in convention.

The committee was instructed to regard the following points, as fundamentals for their proceedings, they having been unanimously agreed to by the convention.

First. That the clergy and lay-deputies vote, as two distinct orders.

Second. That a clergyman cannot vote, as the representative of his particular church; but that a lay-deputy or deputies be sent, to represent each congregation.

Third. That each congregation be entitled to a vote; and that where two congregations are united, each congregation shall be entitled to a vote, and shall send a deputy or deputies.

Fourth. That the convention meet annually, on such day as shall be declared in a law or rule, to be made by the next convention for that purpose; and that the next meeting shall be held in Christ-Church, Philadelphia, on Monday, the 22d day of May, 1786, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Fifth. That such of the members of the convention, as are met on the day of the annual meeting, shall be a quorum; in which quorum the votes of the majority shall be decisive.

Adjourned till 11 o'clock the next morning.

CHRIST-CHURCH, May 24th, 1785.

The convention met.

Dr. Robert Shannon, deputy from St. James's, Perkiomung, took his seat in the convention.

The committee appointed yesterday, to prepare an act of association of the clergy and congregations of the protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania, who shall meet in convention, reported that they had made a draught of the same; which being read, and considered by paragraph, was agreed to, and is as follows.

"Whereas, by the late revolution, the protestant episcopal church in the United States of America is become independent of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in England; in consequence whereof, it is necessary for the clergy and congregations of the said church to associate themselves, for maintaining uniformity in divine worship, for procuring the powers of ordination, and for establishing and maintaining a system of ecclesiastical government:

"And whereas, at a meeting of sundry clergymen and lay-deputies from sundry congregations of the protestant episcopal church in this state,

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held in the city of Philadelphia, on the 29th day of May, in the year of our Lord 1784, there was appointed a committee, to confer and correspond with representatives from the church in the other states, for the purpose of constituting an ecclesiastical government, agreeably to certain instructions or fundamental principles :

" And whereas the said committee, being assembled in the city of New-York, on the 6th and 7th days of October, in the same year, did concur with clergymen and lay-deputies from sundry states, in proposing a convention from all the states, to be held in the city of Philadelphia, on the Tuesday before the Feast of St. Michael next ensuing, in order to unite in an ecclesiastical constitution, agreeably to certain fundamental principles expressed in the said proposal :

" And whereas the body, which assembled, as aforesaid, in New-York, did recommend to the church in the several states, that, previously to the said intended meeting, they should organize, or associate themselves, agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper :

" It is therefore hereby determined and declared by the clergy, who do now, or who hereafter shall, sign this act, and by the congregations, which do now, or which hereafter shall, consent to this act; either by its being ratified by their respective vestries, or by its being signed by their deputies duly authorized, that the said clergy and congregations shall be called and known by the name of, The protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania.

" And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that there shall be a convention of the said church; which convention shall consist of all the clergy of the same, and of lay-deputies; and that all the acts and proceedings of the said convention shall be considered as the acts and proceedings of the protestant episcopal church in this state; provided always, that the same shall be consistent with the fundamental principles agreed on at the two aforesaid meetings, in Philadelphia and New-York.

" And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that each congregation may send to the convention a deputy, or deputies, for each congregation; and no congregation may send a clergyman, as their deputy; and each congregation represented in convention shall have one vote.

" And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, that the clergy and lay-deputies in convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders; and that the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary, to give validity to every measure; and such clergymen and lay-deputies as shall, at any time, be duly assembled in convention, shall be a quorum; and on every question, the votes of a majority of those present, of the two orders respectively, shall decide.

" And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that all such clergymen, as shall hereafter be settled as the ministers of the congregations ratifying this act, shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy now subscribing the same.

" And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that the convention shall meet on Monday, the twenty-second day of May, in the year of our Lord 1786, and for ever after, on
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such annual day, and at such other times; and at such place, as shall be fixed by future rules of the convention.

"And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that, if the clergy and congregations of any adjoining state or states shall desire to unite with the church in this state, agreeably to the fundamental principles established at the aforesaid meeting in New-York, then the convention shall have power to admit the said clergy, and deputies from the congregations of such adjoining state or states, to have the same privileges, and to be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy and congregations in this state."

Adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

The convention met, and subscribed the above act; which has been since signed by others, not members of that convention.

Resolved, That deputies be sent to the general convention, which is to be held in this city, on the Tuesday preceding the Feast of St. Michael next ensuing; and that the Rev. Drs. White and Magaw, the Rev. Messrs. Blackwell, Hutchesins, and Campbell, be, and they are hereby appointed, the clerical deputies; and that Richard Peters, Samuel Powel, William Atlee, Jasper Yeates, Stephen Chambers, Edward Hand, Thomas Hartley, John Clark, Archibald McGrew, Plunket Fleeson, Edward Shippen, and Joseph Swift, Esquires, and Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, and Messrs. Andrew Doz, John Wood, Nicholas Jones, and Edward Duffield, or such of them as can attend, be, and they are hereby appointed, the lay-deputies to the said general convention.

Resolved, That the Rev. Drs. White and Magaw, the Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Powel, Mr. Swift and Mr. Doz, be, and they, or any three of them, are appointed a committee, to carry on all necessary correspondence, to superintend the printing of the act of association, and to transmit the same to the several congregations in this state; and, in general, to transact all business relative to the concerns of the protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania.

The convention then broke up.

JOURNAL of the Second Convention.

PHILADELPHIA, May 22d, 1786.

SUNDAY members of the protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania, assembled in Christ Church; and after some conversation, they adjourned, to meet the next day, at 10 o'clock, that more time might be given for the coming in of other members.

CHRIST-CHURCH, May 23d, 1786.

The convention met.

LIST of MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Rev. William White, D. D. rector, and the Rev. Robert Blackwell, assistant minister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Rev.

Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. rector of St. Paul's.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, rector of Trinity-Church, Oxford, All-Saints, Pemapeka, and St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh.

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From Christ-Church, Philadelphia, Hon. Francis Hopkinson, and Joseph Swift, Esquires.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia, Samuel Powel, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr. Tench Cox.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia, Mr. John Swanwick, Mr. Andrew Doz, Mr. John Wood.

From St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh, Mr. John B. Gilpin.

From St. James's, Perkioming, Dr. Shannon.

The convention proceeded to the choice of a president; and the Rev. Dr. White was unanimously elected, and took the chair.

They then proceeded to choose a secretary; and the Rev. Dr. Magaw was elected.

The convention, previously to their entering upon other business, directed prayers to be read; which was performed by their secretary.

The Rev. Mr. Pilmore declared his assent unto, and signed the act of association, as rector of Trinity-Church, Oxford, St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh, and All-Saints, Pemapeka.

The deputies from the congregations before mentioned produced the testimonials of their appointments.

Ordered, That they be preserved among the records of the convention.

A question was moved and seconded: "Whether clergymen, not having parochial tithes, can be admitted as members of this convention, consistently with the following clause of the act of association."

"And it is hereby further determined and declared, by the said clergy and congregations, that there shall be a convention of the said church; which convention shall consist of all the clergy of the same, and of lay-deputies."

A division being called for, as soon as the members were ready for the question, it was determined in the negative.

The following rules were then agreed to.

First. That no person shall speak more than once on any question, without permission obtained of the convention.

Second. That every motion shall be handed to the president in writing, if so required by any member.

Third. That when a motion is made for a division on any question, and seconded, then such division shall take place; but not otherwise.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the Book of Common Prayer proposed by the general convention, and to make report thereon to this convention.

Agreed, that the committee shall consist of five persons; and that the following gentlemen shall compose it: Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Pilmore, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Swanwick.

Resolved, That the committee make report, previously to the meeting of the general convention.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock the next morning.

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CHRIST-CHURCH, May 24th, 1786.

The convention met.

Mr. Jacob Duffield, deputy from the church of All-Saints, Lower Dublin, signed the act of association in behalf of that congregation, his credentials having been previously read and approved of.

Whereas some doubts have arisen, with regard to the operation of part of the third fundamental article established at Philadelphia, and of the fourth fundamental article proposed at New-York, so far as they require an adherence to the liturgy of the church of England; which articles are recognized and confirmed by the act of association; it was thereupon

Moved and seconded, that it be referred to the committee on the Book of Common Prayer, to consider, whether it be necessary that a supplement be added to the act of association, and to report such supplement, if necessary, to this convention; and the same was committed accordingly.

Resolved, That Saturday, the 27th instant, be the day for the election of deputies to the general convention of the protestant episcopal church in the United States.

Adjourned till Saturday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

CHRIST-CHURCH, May 27th, 1786.

The convention met.

After prayers read by the president, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

Resolved, That the order of the day be postponed till one o'clock.

The following question was moved, "Whether deputies appointed by any congregation or congregations, to attend this convention, may be allowed to delegate the powers of their appointment to others?" And it was determined in the negative.

The order of the day was then taken up; and accordingly the convention proceeded to elect by ballot deputies, to represent the protestant episcopal church in this state at the next general convention, and the following persons were duly chosen.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. White, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Pilmort, Rev. Mr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Samuel Powel, Plunket Fleeson, Esquires, Mr. John B. Gilpin.

The committee appointed to view and consider the Book of Common Prayer, made their report; and the same, being duly considered, was adopted, in the words following, viz.

"The convention having examined the Book of Common Prayer, as revised and proposed by the general convention of September and October last, instruct their deputies to the ensuing general convention to propose the following amendments.

"*First*. That in the morning prayer, the Nicene Creed be inserted after the Apostles Creed, with the words, "Or this," between them, with a rubrick,

rubrick, requiring, that the Nicene be used on the following festivals, viz. on Christmas-day, the Epiphany, Easter-day, Ascension-day, Whitsunday, and Trinity-Sunday.

"*Second.* That, in the consecration-prayer; in the office of the holy sacrament, after the words, "until his coming again," and before the words, "according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution," be inserted the following paragraph, instead of that now used: "Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee: and of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe so to bless and sanctify these thy creatures of bread and wine, that we, receiving them."

"*Third.* That, in the communion-service, where the Nicene Creed stood, there be a rubrick, requiring the use of one of the creeds, as in the morning prayer; when the two services shall not have been used at the same time, or in connection.

"*Fourth.* That, in all the offices for baptism, the articles of the Apostles' Creed be distinctly repeated, and this question and answer inserted in the baptism of infants:

Q. Wilt thou endeavour, that the child now presented to be baptized, may be instructed in this faith?

A. I will.

"*Fifth.* That, in the burial service, the beginning of the omitted prayer be retained to these words, "joy and felicity," with the addition of a thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the good examples of all righteous persons departed, like that in the conclusion of the prayer for Christ's Church Militant.

"*Sixth.* That the first, fifth, and eleventh of the new articles be omitted, and the first, second, fourth, fifth, fourteenth, twenty-second, twenty-sixth, and thirtieth of the old articles be retained.

"*Seventh.* That the fourth article of the new be entitled, "Of the Creeds;" and the Nicene be recognized therein with the Apostles'.

"*Eighth.* That the ninth of the old articles be retained, as far as the word, "damnation;" and the said word to be changed into "condemnation."

"*Ninth.* That the seventeenth of the old articles be retained, with the following alteration: Omit the words, "to Life;" and these, "secret to us;" with what follows to the words, "in due season;" inclusively, inserting instead thereof, "to admit to the inestimable privileges of the gospel dispensation all those Gentiles, as well as Jews, who should believe in his Son Jesus Christ." After the word, "calling," insert "of God." End at these words, "everlasting felicity."

"*Tenth.* That the thirty-fifth article of the old book be retained, so far as it refers to the homilies, as containing godly and wholesome doctrine.

"*Eleventh.* That, instead of the old thirty-seventh article, there be a new one, declaratory of our allegiance to the civil authority in these States, and the obedience due to the magistrates thereof."

Adjourned, to meet at Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia; on the 3d day of October next.

PHILADELPHIA, August 24th, 1786.

Certain circumstances and events rendering it necessary, that such members of the convention of the protestant episcopal church in the State of Penn-

Pennsylvania, as were in this city, and any other members able to attend with convenience, should confer together, and notices having been sent, by the secretary, for that purpose, the following gentlemen met in the episcopal academy, at the time above-mentioned.

Rev. Dr. White, president, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Powel, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr. Doz, Mr. Swanwick, Mr. Swift, and Mr. Tench Coxie.

It appearing to be highly expedient, that the convention of this church should meet earlier than the time, to which they were adjourned, it was unanimously agreed, that the 14th day of September should be the day of meeting; and that, in the letters of notification to the several churches, the particular object of the meeting should be expressed, viz. The election of a bishop, previous to the meeting of the general convention, on the 10th day of October next.

JOURNAL of the Second Convention,

AT THEIR SECOND SESSION.

CHRIST-CHURCH, September 14th, 1786.

IN consequence of a circular letter, sent to the several congregations of the protestant episcopal church in this state, by direction of sundry members of the convention of said church, who had conferred on the subject, a number of the members formerly appointed, and several other gentlemen, lately deputed, met agreeably to the invitation and notice, which had been given.

The persons present were the following.

CLERGY.

The Rev. William White, D. D. president, Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D.
Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rev. Robert Blackwell.

LAITY.

Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr. Andrew Doz, Mr. John Swanwick, Mr. John B. Gilpin, Mr. Jacob Duffield.

Mr. Jacob Ashton, from Trinity-Church, Oxford.

Mr. John Swift, St. James's, Bristol.

Mr. Isaac Bullock, St. John's, Concord.

Mr. Benjamin Marshall, St. Martin's, Marcus-hook.

Mr. James Withy, St. Paul's, Chester.

Richard Willing, Esquire, St. David's, Radnor.

Robert Ralston, Esquire, St. Peter's, Chester county.

Those gentlemen, who had been lately appointed, presented the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, approved of, and ordered to be filed, and kept among the records of the convention.

Certain communications and letters from the arch-bishops and bishops of England having been read, and the reasons for calling this convention somewhat earlier than the day, to which they had adjourned, having been duly considered, it was

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Resolved,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the convention, there was sufficient cause for their present meeting; and that it is proper and regular.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this convention proceed now to the election of a bishop of the protestant episcopal church in this state.

The convention proceeded accordingly to the election of a bishop, by ballot; and the Rev. William White, D. D, president, was unanimously chosen.

Adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

Three o'Clock, P. M.

The convention met.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Mr. John Kerlin, from St. Gabriel's, Morlatton, attended; his letter of deputation was read; and his appointment was approved of.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of correspondence and advice be appointed, to transact all such business, as may require their attention during the recess of this convention, and more especially, in the first instance, to advise with the bishop elect, concerning the proper time of embarking for England.

Agreed, That the said committee shall consist of three clerical and three lay members; and that the following persons shall compose the same:

Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Pilmore, Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, John Swanwick, Esquire.

On the question, "Whether the deputies, who are to attend the general convention, at their next meeting, shall be instructed."

Resolved, That they shall go vested with full powers, without any particular instructions.

Resolved farther, That they shall be, and they are hereby fully empowered to join with the other states, in establishing an ecclesiastical constitution.

On motion, Agreed, That it is most honorable for the church in general, and perfectly agreeable to the minds of all the members present, that a reasonable sum be fixed upon, to defray the necessary expences of the voyage of the bishop elect to and from England.

Resolved, That the sum be two hundred guineas, or three hundred and fifty pounds, currency.

Resolved, That the said sum be apportioned among the churches severally, to be raised by them, according to the salaries which they pay respectively to their officiating minister or ministers, or the sums which they may be supposed able with convenience to pay.

Resolved, That the contributions, when made by the several churches, (which it is hoped can be accomplished before the end of October) shall be sent to, or paid into the hands of the secretary of this convention; for the purpose before agreed to.

Adjourned to the third day of October, to meet in Philadelphia.

JOURNAL of the Second Convention,

AT THEIR THIRD SESSION,

CHRIST-CHURCH, Tuesday, October 3d, 1786.

SOME of the members of the convention met, agreeably to adjournment, and adjourned again to next Friday.

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CHRIST-CHURCH, Friday, October 6th, 1786.

The convention met; present,
The Rev. Dr. White, president, Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell,
Hon. Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Powel, and Mr. Doz.

As this adjourned meeting was appointed to take order in any new matter, that might arise in the business of the church, and as no such new matter had arisen, the convention appointed the second Tuesday in May next, for the meeting of the next convention of the protestant episcopal church; desired the secretary to give notice thereof to the several congregations; and then broke up.

JOURNAL of the Third Convention,

Held at CHRIST-CHURCH, in the city of PHILADELPHIA,
on Tuesday, the 15th of May, 1787.

P R E S E N T,

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. bishop of the protestant episcopal church in the state of Pennsylvania.

Rev. Robert Blackwell, assistant minister of the united churches of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, deputy from Christ-Church, Samuel Powel, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr. Tench Cooke, St. Peter's, Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, Mr. Andrew Doz, Mr. George Nelson, deputies from St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, rector of Trinity-Church, &c. &c.

Mr. Benjamin Cottman, from Trinity-Church, Oxford.

Mr. Edward Duffield, from All-Saints, Pemaepacka.

Mr. John B. Gilpin and Mr. Christopher Loefer, St. Thomas's, White-marsh.

Mr. Benjamin Marshall, Lower Chichester.

John Crosby, jun. Esquire, and Mr. John Worrell, deputies from St. Paul's, Chester.

Richard Willing, Esquire, St. David's, Radnor.

Robert Ralston, Esquire, St. Peter's, Valley of Chester.

Mr. George Bickham, St. John's, York-town.

Mr. Peter Jones, St. Gabriel's, Berks.

Rev. Joseph Hutchins, rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

The deputies from the several churches having produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, the same were read, approved of, and ordered to be filed.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw was chosen secretary.

The committee of correspondence and advice reported, that, in the execution of their trust, they had advised the Rev. Dr. White to proceed to England, for the purpose of obtaining consecration; that he had proceeded accordingly; and, while there, had written sundry letters to them on the subject, which they requested might be read; and they were read in order.

The convention having attended to the narrative of proceedings, contained in the afore said letters, unanimously approved of the Right Rev. bishop White's conduct, during the whole of this important business in England; and

Resolved, That the thanks of the convention should be given him for his very obliging and satisfactory communications.

The Right Rev. Bishop laid before the convention, the certificate and testimonials of his consecration in the chapel of the palace of Lambeth, in England, on the 4th day of February 1787, by the Most Reverend Archbishop of Canterbury, in the presence of the Most Reverend Archbishop of York, the Right Reverend Bishop of Bath and Wells, and the Right Reverend Bishop of Peterborough.

The bishop also exhibited a further certificate, attested in Doctors' Commons, by R. Jenner, notary public; which certificate was ascertained by an instrument or form of writing, under the signatures of two notaries public, attesting that Robert Jenner, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing act, was, and is, a notary public, and one of the deputy registers of the province of Canterbury, and the officer that he declares himself to be; as also that the words, which express his name, are of his proper hand-writing.

On motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Powel, a committee, consisting of the Rev. Mr. Hutchins, the Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Mr. Hopkinson, and Mr. Powel, was appointed, to consider and report the most proper time for holding the annual meeting of this convention; and to consider, farther, of the propriety of appointing a committee, or council, with whom the bishop may advise, in the discharge of the duties of his office, in the recess of the convention; also the manner of appointing the said committee, or council.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

Four o'clock, P. M.

The convention met.

Ordered, That those proceedings of general convention, which have a more immediate relation to the church in this state, form a part of the minutes of the convention.

The deputies from the convention of this church to the general convention, which met at Wilmington on the 11th day of October last, laid before the convention an act of the general convention, by which the Nicene Creed is restored; the article of Christ's descent into hell is replaced in the Apostles' Creed; the 10th article of the general constitution is newly modified; and the preface, and the 4th article of religion, in the proposed book, are accommodated to the creeds.

The committee, appointed to consider of the most proper time for holding the annual meeting of the convention, reported a resolution, which was adopted, and is as follows.

Resolved, That the convention shall be held annually, on the second Tuesday after Whitsunday, or the Feast of Pentecost.

The same committee reported, that it is proper a council of advice and correspondence be appointed, with whom the bishop may consult, in the discharge of his office; and that the said council consist of three clerical and three lay members, to be chosen annually, by ballot, by the convention.

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This report was adopted; and the convention proceeded to elect the members of the council of advice, when the following gentlemen were appointed, viz.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Pilmore, Hon. Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Powel, Mr. Doz.

The convention broke up.

JOURNAL of the Fourth Convention.

St. PAUL'S CHURCH, Philadelphia, May 30th, 1788.

The convention met, the following members present;

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop.

Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Robert Blackwell,

Rev. Joseph Bend, assistant ministers of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, rector of Trinity-Church, &c. &c.

Rev. Joseph Hutchins, rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

Rev. Sator Clay, rector of St. David's, &c. &c.

Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Mr. Abraham Markoe, deputies from Christ-Church, Samuel Powel, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr.

Tench Coxe, St. Peter's, Mr. Andrew Doz, Mr. Joseph Turner, Mr.

John Wood, St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Mr. Jacob Ashton, Trinity-Church, Oxford.

Mr. John B. Gilpin, All-Saints, Pemapecka.

Mr. Christophier Loefer, St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh.

Mr. Zachariah Derrick, St. Martin's, Marcus-hook.

Dr. Richard Tidmarsh, St. Paul's, Chester.

The deputies from the several churches above mentioned produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read and approved of.

The convention proceeded to the election of a secretary; and the Rev. Dr. Magaw was unanimously chosen.

Adjourned till 4 o'clock, P. M.

Four o'Clock, P. M.

The convention met.

It was moved and seconded, that the convention proceed to elect, by ballot, clerical and lay-deputies, to represent this church in general convention, in case such convention should be held, previously to the next stated meeting of this convention.

This was unanimously agreed to; and the following gentlemen were duly chosen.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Hutchins, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Pilmore,

LAY DEPUTIES.

Hon. Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Powel, Mr. Doz, Mr. Tench Coxe.

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The convention then proceeded to the election of the council of advice; and the following gentlemen were duly chosen: Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Blackwell, and Rev. Mr. Pilmore; Hon. Mr. Hopkinson, Dr. Clarkson, and Mr. Doz.

On motion, *Resolved*, That, with respect to the delegation to the general convention, if, at any time, any member or members appointed should decline, or, through some unavoidable circumstance, be unable to attend, on notice being given to the other members of the delegation, of the same order, they shall appoint, for the time being, a substitute or substitutes in his or their place.

The convention adjourned sine die.

JOURNAL of the Fifth Convention, Held in CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, on *Tuesday*, the 9th of *June*, 1789.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop.
Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Rev. Joseph Bend, assistant ministers of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
Rev. Joseph Pilmore, rector of Trinity-Church, &c. &c.
Rev. Slaton Clay, rector of St. David's, &c. &c.

LAITY.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia, Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire.
St. Peter's, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson; Mr. Tench Coxe.
St. Paul's, John Swanwick, Esquire, Mr. George Nelson, Mr. John Wood.
Trinity-Church, Oxford, Mr. Benjamin Cottman.
All-Saints, Pemapecka, Mr. John B. Gilpin.
St. Thomas's, Whitmarsh, Mr. Christopher Loefler.
St. James's, Perkioming, Dr. Robert Shannon.
St. David's, Radnor, John Jones, Esquire.

The convention being assembled, the Rev. Dr. Magaw read prayers.

Dr. Magaw declining the office of secretary, the convention elected the Rev. Mr. Bend.

The deputies from the several congregations above mentioned produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved of.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the associated churches annually contribute twelve pounds, for the purpose of defraying such expences, as the convention of this church may incur; and that the said sum be raised according to the ratio settled for raising the sum of two hundred guineas, for defraying

defraying the expences of the Right Rev. Dr. White's voyage to England for consecration.

In consequence of the above resolve, the following sums were apportioned to the several churches, to which they are respectively annexed.

To Christ-Church and St. Peter's,	£ 6 17 6
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Trinity-Church, Oxford,	- 0 6 6
All-Saints, Pemapecka,	- 0 6 0
St. Thomas's, Whittemarsh,	- 0 5 0
St. James's, Perkioming,	- 0 4 3
St. David's, Radnor,	- 0 5 0

Resolved, That the bishop and his council be requested to revise the canons of the church of England, to prepare a set for the government of the protestant episcopal church in this state, and to report the same to the next convention.

The convention then proceeded to the election of their deputies to the general convention, to be held in Philadelphia, on the fourth Tuesday in July next; when the following gentlemen were duly chosen:

The Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Rev. Mr. Pilmore, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, and the Rev. Mr. Bend; the Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esquire, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Samuel Powel, Esquire, and Mr. Tench Coxe.

Resolved, That if any of the deputies should decline the appointment, or be unable to attend, the remaining deputies of the same order shall, on notice given, elect another person in his stead, who shall, in all respects, act, as if directly appointed by the convention.

The Rev. Mr. Bend was appointed Treasurer of the monies paid by the different churches, for defraying the expences of the convention.

The following gentlemen were chosen, as council of advice and correspondence, for the ensuing year.

Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Mr. Pilmore, and Rev. Dr. Blackwell; Hon. Francis Hopkinson, Esq; Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, and Samuel Powel, Esq.

The convention adjourned sine die.

JOURNAL of the Sixth Convention,

Held in CHRIST-CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, on *Tuesday*,
the 1st day of *June*, 1790.

LIST OF MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. bishop.

The Rev. Samuel Magaw, D. D. rector of St. Paul's, Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. Rev. Joseph Bend, assistant ministers of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

Rev. John Andrews, D. D. rector of St. James's, Bristol.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, rector of Trinity-Church, &c. &c.

Rev. Sator Clay, rector of St. David's, &c. &c.

Rev. Elisha Rigg, rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

Rev.

Rev. William Smith, D. D. provost of the college, &c. in Philadelphia.
 Rev. Joseph Clarkson.
 Rev. Archibald Walker.

L A I T Y.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia, Joseph Swift, Esquire, Mr. James Reynolds.

St. Peter's, Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Mr. John Wilcocks.

St. Paul's, Plunket Fleeson, John Swanwick, Esquires, Mr. John Campbell.

St. James's, Lancaster, Hon. George Ross, Esquire.

Trinity-Church, Oxford, Mr. Joseph Ashton.

All-Saints, Pemapecha, Mr. John B. Gilpin.

The convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Bend read prayers.

The deputies from the several congregations before mentioned produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read, and approved of.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews and the Rev. Mr. Rigg took their seats in the convention; the former, as rector of St. James's, Bristol; the latter, of St. James's, Lancaster.

The Rev. Mr. Bend was chosen secretary to the convention.

The Rev. Dr. Smith informed the convention, that, in consequence of the 16th canon of the general convention, he considered himself a member of the convention of this church, and accordingly attended, to take his seat.

After some conversation on this subject, the following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

Resolved, That every clergyman of the protestant episcopal church in this state, who is entitled to the privileges of a citizen therein, shall also be entitled to a seat in the convention of the said church.

This resolution was postponed, to introduce the following, by Mr. Wilcocks.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this convention, that the Rev. Dr. Smith has a right to a seat therein; and that a committee be now appointed, to frame a rule on the subject of clerical membership in general, and to make report.

On motion of Mr. Swanwick, the said resolution was divided; and the former part being postponed, the latter was determined in the affirmative; and the Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Dr. Andrews, and the Rev. Dr. Blackwell were appointed the committee, and retired, for the purpose for which they were appointed.

Mr. Wilcocks then withdrew the former part of his motion.

The treasurer's accounts for the last year were read, and approved of; and the Rev. Mr. Bend was chosen treasurer for the ensuing year.

The minutes of the last convention were read.

On motion, *Ordered*, That Mr. Swanwick and the secretary be a committee for publishing 200 copies of the journals of the convention of this church, together with the account of those meetings, which gave rise to the said convention.

The committee appointed to frame a rule on the subject of clerical membership brought in a report, which being read, and amended, was agreed to, and is as follows:

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Resolved,

Resolved, That every regularly ordained clergyman of the protestant episcopal church, who is engaged as a professor, tutor, or instructor of youth, in any college, academy, or general seminary of learning in this state, duly incorporated, and every clergyman of the said church, resident in this state, and entitled to the privileges of a citizen, shall be entitled to sit in the convention of this church, altho' without a parochial charge.

Upon which, the Rev. Dr. Smith took his leave of the convention. It Adjourned to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

TUESDAY, Four o'clock, P. M.

The convention held [10 A. M. 20]

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson and the Rev. Mr. Walker, clergymen of the protestant episcopal church, took their seats in the convention, in consequence of the rule for clerical membership, agreed to in the morning.

The constitution of the protestant episcopal church in the United States of America, and the canons for the government of the same, were read; and notice was given to the convention, that it is proposed to consider and determine on, in the next general convention, the propriety of investing the house of bishops with a full negative on the proceedings of the other house.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the following recommendation was subscribed by at least two thirds of the convention.

"We, whose names are underwritten; are of opinion, that the dispensing with the knowledge of the Greek language, in the examination of the Rev. Elisha Rigg for the holy order of priests, will be of use to the church, of which we are the convention, in consideration of other qualifications of the said Rev. Elisha Rigg for the gospel ministry."

Resolved, That this convention proceed to the choice of clerical and lay deputies to the next general convention; and that they be chosen by the order, to which they respectively belong.

The following gentlemen were then duly chosen :

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. Dr. Andrews, Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Joseph Swift, John Swanwick, Esquires; Mr. James Reynolds.

Resolved, That the said deputies be invested with the same power with those appointed at the last convention.

The following gentlemen were then chosen a standing committee of the convention of this church, agreeably to the 6th canon of the general convention: Rev. Dr. Magaw, Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Pilmore; Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, Joseph Swift, and Samuel Powel, Esquires.

Ordered, That the standing committee be a council of advice to the bishop.

Resolved, That the council of advice be authorized to concur with any persons appointed in other states, for encouraging the printing of a folio or quarto

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quarter books of common prayer, for the use of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. The convention requested the bishop and his council to consider of canons, for the government of this church, in addition to those ratified by the general convention.

The convention adjourned sine die.

Published by order of the convention,

JOSEPH G. J. BEND, Secretary.

J. SWANWICK,

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I N T H E
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ON TUESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1791.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's,
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Rector of St. James',
Bristol.

The Rev. *William Smith*, D. D. Provost of the College of
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Slater Clay*, Rector of St. David's, Radnor.

The Rev. *Elisha Rigg*, Rector of St. James', Lancaster.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, A. M.

The Rev. *Archibald Walker*, A. M.

L A I T Y.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *Robert Towers*,
Mr. *James Reynolds*.

From St. Peter's Philadelphia—*Samuel Powell*, Esq.
William Bingham, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *John Campbell*, Mr.
George Nelson, Mr. *John Wood*.

From St. David's, Radnor—*John Jones, Esq.*

From St. Paul's, Chester—*George Pitree, Esq. Elisha Price, Esq. Mr. James Withy.*

From St. Martin's, Marcus Hook—*Mr. Joseph Marshall, Mr. Zachariah Derrick.*

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Clarkson read prayers.

ORDERED, that the members produce the testimonials of their several appointments, which, being produced, were read and approved.

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson was chosen secretary.

The Deputies from St. Paul's Church, Chester, and from St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, presented a petition from their respective churches, praying that the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, might be dispensed with, in the case of Mr. Joseph Turner, in consideration of his possessing other qualifications necessary for the Gospel Ministry.

After some conversation on the subject, the question was put and carried. Whereupon it appeared, that two thirds of the Convention, (agreeably to the Canon in such cases made and

provided) recommended Mr. Turner for ordination, for those Churches.

RESOLVED, that the Convention now go into the choice of Clerical and Lay Deputies to the next general Convention, and that the two orders choose as heretofore.

The following gentlemen were then duly chosen ;

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Magaw,
The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
William Bingham, Esq.
John Swanwick, Esq.
Mr. James Reynolds.

RESOLVED, that the said Deputies be invested with the same power, those had who were appointed last year, viz. That if any one or more either of the Clergy or Laity should decline the appointment, or be unable to attend, those who remain of the same order, may, on notice being given, elect others in their stead, who shall, in all respects, act, as if directly appointed by the Convention.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, that there shall be an act of this Convention, to the following effect ; viz.

WHEREAS it hath been the usage of the Church in this State, to have a Council of Advice, with whom the Bishop may consult, in the execution of his office ;

AND WHEREAS, by the 6th Canon of the General Convention, it is required of the Church in this State, to have a standing Committee, for certain purposes, expressed by the said Canon ;

AND WHEREAS, it is expedient to declare more expressly than has hitherto been done, the Constitution of the said Council of Advice, and standing Committee ;

THEREFORE it is hereby enacted, that the said bodies shall consist of ten Members, viz. five Clerical, and five Lay Members, and shall consist of the same persons; so that when a Council of Advice is chosen, from year to year, the same shall have, and exercise the powers of a standing Committee, and shall from time to time appoint a secretary, and keep regular minutes of the proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. And, any three members, (the whole having been duly summoned) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes as may require a larger number, agreea-

bly to any rules to be made, by the said Council of Advice, and said Committee. And the rules of meeting, and business of the said Council of Advice, and standing Committee, may be made, altered, or repealed by them, from time to time.

ENACTED, this 21st day of June, 1791.

The following gentlemen, were duly chosen members of the aforefaid Council of Advice, and standing Committee ;

CLERGY.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Mr. Pilmore.

LAITY.

Samuel Powel, Esq.
William Bingham, Esq.
John Swanwick Esq.
Mr. John Wood,
Mr. James Reynolds.

RESOLVED, that the Deputies to the General Convention, be instructed to press, at any meeting which there may be of that body, and before such meeting, if any fit opportunity should offer, the necessity of further election, in some of the States, of persons to be consecrated Bishops, in order that the succession may be secured.

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson was chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year,

RESOLVED, that the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church in Philadelphia, on the annual day, at 10 o'clock in the morning,

The Convention then broke up.

JOURNAL

OF THE EIGHTH CONVENTION, HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1792.

MEMBERS PRESENT,

C L E R G Y.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Smith*, D. D.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the
University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Slater Clay*, Rector of St. David's, Radnor.

The Rev. *Elisha Rigg*, Rector of St. James', Lancaster.

The Rev. Mr. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's,
Marcus Hook.

L A I T Y.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—*Joseph Swift*, Esq.
Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*, Mr. *James Reynolds*.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*Samuel Powel*, Esq.
William Bingham, Esq. Mr. *Woodrop Sims*.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *John Campbell*, Mr.
John Wood, Mr. *George Nelson*.

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From St. Peter's, in the Great Valley—*Mr. John Quinn.*

From St. David's, Radnor—*Hugh De Haven, Esq.*

From St. Martin's, Marcus Hook—*Mr. Joseph Marshall.*

From Trinity Church, Oxford—*Mr. B. Cottman.*

From All Saints', Pennypack—*Mr. John B. Gilpin.*

From St. James', Perkiomen—*Dr. Robert Shannon.*

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Clay read prayers.

The Deputies from the several congregations before mentioned, produced the testimonials of their several appointments, which were read and approved of.

Mr. John B. Gilpin was chosen secretary.

There being no other business before the Convention, it was moved, that the Convention should proceed to the election of Deputies to attend the next general Convention, to be held in New-York. When the following gentlemen were duly chosen.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Wm. Smith, D. D.

The Rev. Saml. Magaw, D. D.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore,

The Rev. Elisha Rigg.

LAY DEPUTIES,

William Bingham, Esq.

Mr. Woodrop Sims,

Mr. John B. Gilpin,

Mr. John Campbell.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a council of Advice, and a standing Committee, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

CLERGY.

The Rev. Wm. Smith, D. D.

The Rev. John Andrews, D. D.

The Rev. Saml. Magaw, D. D.

The Rev. R. Blackwell, D. D.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore.

LAITY.

Samuel Powel, Esq.

William Bingham, Esq.

Joseph Swift, Esq.

Mr. John Wood,

Mr. James Reynolds.

RESOLVED, that if any of the Deputies shall decline the appointments, or be unable to attend, the remaining deputies of the same order, shall, on notice given, elect another person in his stead, who shall in all respects, act as if directly appointed by the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Magaw, it was resolved, that the Deputies appointed to the ensuing General Convention, shall be instructed to urge the necessity of an ample appointment of the Clerical Order, to the Episcopacy, in the several States, to perpetuate the succession of Bishops in America.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Magaw, it was resolved that the Secretary of the standing Committee and Council of Advice, be directed

to lay the minutes of the preceding year's business annually before the Convention.

RESOLVED, that the next Convention shall meet at Christ Church in Philadelphia, on the annual day at 10 o'clock.

The Convention then broke up.

JOURNAL

OF THE NINTH CONVENTION, HELD IN
CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,
ON TUESDAY, MAY 28TH, 1793.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

C L E R G Y.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the
University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, Assistant Minister of St. Paul's,
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Slater Clay*, Rector of St. David's, Radnor.

The Rev. *Elisha Rigg*, Rector of St. James', Lancaster.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook.

L A I T Y.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia—*Joseph Swift*, Esq.
Mr. James Reynolds, *Mr. Joseph Claypoole*.

From St. Peter's Philadelphia—*William Bingham*, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *John Campbell*, Mr. *John Wood*.

From St. James', Perkiomena—Mr. *Henry Pawling*.

From St. Martin's, Marcus Hook—Mr. *Zachariah Derrick*.

From St. James', Lancaster—Mr. *Henry Bennet*.

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Clay read prayers.

The Deputies from the several congregations before mentioned, produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read and approved of.

The Rev. Slater Clay was appointed Secretary, and the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Treasurer.

Dr. Thomas Ruston, from St. John's Church, New London, signed the act of association, and took his seat accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Magaw, the Convention proceeded to the election of a standing Committee, and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were duly elected.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Joseph Pilmore.

LAY MEMBERS.

William Bingham, Esq.
Samuel Powel, Esq.
Joseph Swift, Esq.
Mr. James Reynolds,
Mr. John Wood.

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews.

LAY DEPUTIES.

William Bingham, Esq.
Dr. Thomas Ruston,
Mr. James Reynolds,
Mr. John Wood.

The following gentlemen appeared in Convention, as deputed by sundry members of this Church, in their respective townships, who have formed themselves into congregations for the purposes of Church Communion in the said townships, with an intention of building churches therein;—namely,

From Christ Church, Turbutt Township,

MR. MATTHIAS WEBB.

From St. Paul's Church, Fishing Creek Township—MR. ELISHA BARTON.

From Christ Church, Derry Township—MR.
JOHN FUNSTON.

All in Northumberland County. The said Deputies on signing the act of association, were admitted as members of this convention.

The Convention, upon the testimonials stated to them, of the character and qualifications of Mr. Robert Davis, resolved to recommend to the Bishop, to dispense, in his case, with the usual requisition of the learned languages.

Application being made to the convention, to dispense with the knowledge of Latin and Greek in the case of Mr. Caleb Hopkins of Northumberland county ;

On motion, RESOLVED, That the Council of Advice enquire into the circumstances of Mr. Hopkins' case, and report thereon to the next Convention.

On motion, RESOLVED, That the next annual meeting of the convention, shall be in the town of Carlisle.

On motion of Mr. Gurney, the foregoing resolve was re-considered, and the Convention adjourned, to meet at Philadelphia, at Christ-Church, on the annual day, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

JOURNAL

OF THE TENTH CONVENTION, HELD IN
CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

ON TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1794.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the
University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. First Assistant Minister
of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Second Assistant Mi-
nister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook.

L A I T Y.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *James Reynolds*,
Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*.

From St. Peter's Philadelphia—*Francis Gurney*, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *John Campbell*, Mr. *John Dowers*, Mr. *William Stevenson*.

From Christ-Church, Derry, Northumberland County—Mr. *Funston*.

From Christ Church, Turbutt, Northumberland County—Mr. *Barnard Hubly*.

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Turner read prayers.

The deputies from the several congregations before mentioned, produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read, and approved of.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. James Abercrombie was chosen.

A petition was presented to the Convention from the Church Wardens and Vestry of the congregations of Christ Church, Derry, and Christ Church, Turbutt Township, praying that Mr. Caleb Hopkins may be ordained as their minister ; Whereupon,

RESOLVED, that, in consideration of the reasons offered in the said petition, it be recommended that an examination in the Greek and Latin languages, be dispensed with, in the case of Mr. Hopkins; and a recommendation in his favour was accordingly signed, as the Canon directs.

Application was made by Mr. Hall, Mr. Ormrod and Mr. Young for a recommendation to the Committee at New-York, which was appointed by the general Convention, to superintend the printing of the Prayer Book, for permission, *separately*, to print the same; which recommendation was accordingly granted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the general Convention, and of a standing Committee, and Council of Advice; when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Deputies to the general Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
Mr. James Reynolds,
Mr. John Campbell.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw,
The Rev. Dr. Hutchins.

LAY MEMBERS.

William Bingham, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
Joseph Swift, Esq.
Mr. James Reynolds,
Mr. Richard Thompson.

On motion of Dr. Magaw, Resolved, that six weeks previous to the next meeting of the State Convention, the Secretary shall transmit to every Clergyman, or where there is no Clergyman, to the wardens of every Congregation, a letter, informing them of the time and place of meeting.

RESOLVED, that the next Convention shall meet at Christ Church in Philadelphia, on the annual day at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

JOURNAL

OF THE ELEVENTH CONVENTION, HELD IN
CHRIST CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,
ON TUESDAY, JUNE 2d, 1795.

MEMBERS PRESENT,

C L E R G Y.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's,
Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the
University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Smith*, D. D. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. First Assistant Minister
of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Second Assistant Mi-
nister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook.

L A I T Y.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*,
Mr. *Leeson Simmons*.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*Francis Gurney*, Esq.
Mr. *William Allibone*.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *William Stevenson*, Mr. *Richard North*.

From St. James', Perkiomen—Mr. *Henry Pawling*.

From Trinity, All Saints, and St. Thomas'—Mr. *John Lardner*, Mr. *J. B. Gilpin*, and Mr. *Christopher Loeser*.

From St. Martin's, Marcus Hook—Mr. *David Kellam*.

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. James Abercrombie read prayers.

The Deputies from the several Congregations above mentioned, produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. James Abercrombie was chosen.

The following additional Canons were proposed by the Rev. Dr. Magaw, and after being read by the Secretary, and considered by paragraphs, were adopted.

C A N O N I. O F P R E S E N T M E N T S.

Every trial in this church for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment made, either by the convention, or by the vestry of the parish to

which the accused party belongs, specifying the crime of which the party is accused.

C A N O N II.

OF INQUIRIES ON PRESENTMENTS.

Presentment for misbehaviour being made as aforesaid, the Bishop, with the consent of the Council of Advice, shall appoint a Commissary, who shall repair to the Church or Parish where the abuse is said to have happened, and shall there after summons of the parties, and the hearing of the witnesses, establish and authenticate all such facts as may be necessary to an investigation of the subject, reporting the same to the Bishop; and the record shall be of full authority, unless error or mal-practice being proved, a new examination shall be ordered; and the testimony taken as aforesaid, shall be signed by the witnesses, and the whole record of proceedings by the Commissary; and on the examination of any witness, a magistrate shall be requested to administer to him or her an oath or affirmation, if the accused party requires it.

C A N O N III.

OF PENALTIES.

The Bishop, or any Clergyman appointed by him, as a Commissary, with assessors to be ap-

pointed, as in the next article, shall proceed to a full examination of the causes, and to a final sentence, which in the case of a Clergyman may be admonition, suspension or degradation ; and in the case of either clergyman or layman, may be exclusion from the Holy Communion, or the disavowing of the party as any longer a member of this church. Provided that no sentence of degradation shall pass, otherwise than is ordered in the sixth article of the general Ecclesiastical Constitution. Provided further, that due notice of the time and place of trial be given to the party accused, who shall then and there attend, unless prevented by some reasonable cause, to be judged of by the Bishop and assessors, in which case another notice shall be given as before, and the party accused be furnished with a copy of the charge, at least one month before the trial ; and in failure of attendance, no sentence shall pass for any other crime than that of Contumacy, which however shall subject him to the same penalties, as if the evil practice imputed to him, had been proved.

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C A N O N I V .

O F A S S E S S O R S O N T R I A L S .

On the trial of a Clergyman, there shall be four clergyman appointed by the Bishop, with the knowledge and consent of the Council of Advice, out of which number, the party accused shall choose any two, as assessors; the whole number as above, having been convened on summons issued by a secretary, who shall be appointed by the Convention, and until such secretary be appointed, the secretary of the Convention shall serve in that capacity. In every decision, there shall be an agreement of the major number, of the Bishop, or Commissary, and the assessors, as to matter of fact; and sentence shall be given by the Bishop or Commissary, according to the Canons.

In the case of a layman, the proceedings shall be as above, only that there shall be in addition to the above clergymen, three lay assessors, the major part of whom shall find the facts, before any sentence shall be given; which three lay assessors shall be chosen by the party accused, out of six lay men of the congregation to which he belongs, who shall be summon-

ed for the purpose, with the knowledge and consent of the Council of Advice.

C A N O N V.

OF THE TRIAL OF A BISHOP.

If the presentment be of any Bishop of the Church in this State, which shall only be by the Convention thereof, it shall be made to two or more Bishops of this Church, in any of the United States. Such Bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the diocese of the accused Bishop, and the sentence of the said two Bishops, or the majority of a greater number, being declared to be grounded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final.

C A N O N VI.

OF THE REMOVAL OF MINISTERS FROM ANY STATE INTO THIS.

To qualify a Clergyman coming into this State, from any of the States in the Union, to settle and officiate as a Clergyman ; it shall be necessary to obtain a licence thereunto, from the Bishop : and to entitle him to such licence, he shall produce from the Bishop, (or if there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee of Convention of the State from which he re-

moves,) a certificate of his good moral conduct, and orderly compliance with the institutions and government of the Church, while in his or their district ; and on such certificate being produced, the Bishop of the Church in this state shall give, to the party, the licence required.

C A N O N VII.

OF THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES.

No Minister of this Church shall celebrate any marriage, without having as sufficient testimony, as the nature of the case admits, that there is no lawful impediment ; and if there be any doubt in regard to either of the parties, as to his or her being of age or free ; then there appearing to be a master or mistress, parent or guardian, shall make it necessary to have the consent of such master or mistress, parent or guardian. And if the minister be duly certified that there is no legal impediment, he then may, and, if either of the parties be of the congregation of the minister, it shall be his duty to join them in marriage.

The following resolutions were offered by the Rev. Dr. Smith, and agreed to. viz.

1st, RESOLVED, that it be recommended to the vestries of the several churches not incor-

perated to apply to the judges of the supreme court, according to law, for charters of incorporation, which charters before they are presented to the judges, shall be laid before the Bishop and his Council of Advice for approbation, and ought to be as nearly similar throughout the State, as local circumstances will admit.

2dly, That the vestry of every congregation or church now vacant, or unprovided with a minister, or such as shall hereafter become vacant, ought to have a standing subscription prepared, either in cash or pew rents, or partly in both, for a term of not less than three years, conditioned for a punctual payment of the same, to such minister as shall be duly elected and settled, according to the established rules of the several Churches; and that the profits and rents of Glebes, where there are any, shall be applied only during a vacancy, to institute a capital fund, bearing interest for the use of the minister of such church for the time being, excepting only where the donor of such glebe, may have applied any part of the rents thereof to other pious purposes.

It was moved and seconded, that in the examination for Holy Orders of Absalom Jones, a black man, belonging to the African Church of St. Thomas, in this city, the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages be dispensed with, agreeably to the Canon.

RESOLVED, that the same be granted, provided it is not to be understood to entitle the African Church to send a Clergyman or deputies to the convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Episcopal Church, this condition being made, in consideration of their peculiar circumstances at present.

RESOLVED, that the Council of Advice be authorised to print and publish the journals of the five last Conventions, inclusive of the present.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of deputies to the general Convention, and of a standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell.
The Rev. Dr. Magaw,

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
Mr. J. B. Gilpin,
Mr. William Stevenfon,

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
The Rev. Dr. Magaw,
The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
The Rev. Dr. Hutchins.

LAY MEMBERS.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
William Bingham, Esq.
Mr. William Allibone,
Mr. Richard North.

RESOLVED, that the next Convention shall meet at Christ Church in Philadelphia, on the annual day, at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

James Abercrombie,

SECRETARY.

JOURNAL

OF THE

TWELFTH CONVENTION,

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY, MAY 24TH, 1796.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

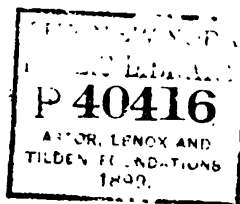
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

LAITY.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—*Joseph Swift*, Esq. Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*, Mr. *Leeson Simmons*.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*Francis Gurney*, Esq. *John Donaldson*, Esq.



From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—*Mr. Godfrey Twells, Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. John Savidge.*

From Trinity, All Saints, and St. Thomas's—*William Lardner, Esq.*

From St. James's, Perkiomen—*Mr. Henry Pawling.*

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers.

The Deputies from the several congregations abovementioned, produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie was chosen.

Dr. Blackwell presented an account from Messrs. Ormrod & Conrad, for printing the Journals of the five last State Conventions, amounting to eleven pounds, and there being no money in his hands, as Treasurer, to pay the same,

On Motion, **RESOLVED**, That in order to provide a fund for printing the Journals, and defraying the other incidental expenses of the State Convention, the associated churches shall annually contribute one per cent. upon the salary paid to their respective Ministers.

A Petition was presented by Mr. Stevenson, signed by twenty-five members of St. Paul's Church, praying that the 6th Canon of the State Convention of 1795, and the 5th Canon of the last General Convention may be amended;

Whereupon, it was moved and seconded, that a question be put, whether the 6th Canon of the State Convention be rescinded or amended, which being put accordingly, was determined in the negative.

The following proposed Canon was presented by the Rev. Dr. Andrews, which was read, and referred to the next Convention.

CANON VIII.

“If a clergyman residing in another State shall come into this State, and act in open violation of the Canons, and on a representation being made thereof to the Ecclesiastical authority in that State, it shall appear that the said clergyman is not considered as a member of that Church; it shall, in

that case, be the duty of the Bishop of this State to give notice to the congregations belonging to his diocese or district, that such clergyman is not considered for the present as a clergyman of this church, and that his officiating in their churches is prohibited.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention; and of a Standing Committee, and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
Mr. J. B. Gilpin,
Mr. Wm. Stevenson.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Dr. Hutchins.

LAY MEMBERS.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
John Donaldson, Esq.
Capt. Wm. Allibone,
Mr. Godfrey Twells.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in Philadelphia, on the next annual day at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.



JOURNAL
OF THE
THIRTEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY JUNE 13, 1797.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. **WILLIAM WHITE**, D. D.
The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D.
The Rev. *William Smith*, D. D.
The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.
The Rev. *Levi Heath*, Rector of St. John's, Concord; Bangor, Lancaster; and St. Paul's, Chester.
The Rev. *Caleb Hopkins*, Rector of Christ-Church, Derry; Christ-Church, Turbut; and St. Andrews, Northumberland.

LATTY.

From Christ-Church—Philadelphia, Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*,
Mr. *Leeson Simmons*.

From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia—*Francis Gurney*, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq., *Joseph Sims*, Esq.

From St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *William Stevenson*, Mr. *Richard North*.

From St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook—Mr. *Zachariah Derrick*.

From Christ-Church, Northumberland—Mr. *Zachariah Bull*.

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers, and was appointed Secretary.

The Deputies from the several congregations produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Minutes of the former Convention were read, and the Canon then proposed by Dr. Andrews was taken into consideration and passed.

The Deputies from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, made a proposal tending to the repeal of certain Canons of the General Convention, which proposal was in consequence of instructions from the congregation of the said church. There was also read a letter addressed to the Convention by sundry members of the same church, objecting to certain matters contained in the said instructions.

The Convention, without taking any order in the aforesaid business, earnestly recommend to the Congregation to adopt measures in the spirit of Christian Love and Forbearance, for the healing of their divisions.

RESOLVED, That the two papers presented by the members from St. Paul's, be returned to the respective gentlemen who presented them, with a copy of the above recommendation.

Dr. Blackwell proposed a Canon on the general state of the church, which was passed, and is as follows:

CANON IX.

As a free intercourse of friendly communication, between the several congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the district of Pennsylvania, would greatly contribute to the interest and satisfaction of the whole body: it is therefore required of every clergyman, to make such communication to the Bishop of said church, in the month of March yearly, and every year, in which he shall set forth the particular circumstances of the congregation or congregations in which he officiates. As, the number of families belonging to each, the baptisms, communicants, and such general information concerning the state of the church, as he shall think useful and necessary. And that, whenever the Journals of this Convention shall be published, such extracts from said communication as may be thought advisable, shall be published with them.

RESOLVED, That a Sermon be preached at the opening of every future Convention, and that the Right Rev. Dr. White be requested to perform that duty at the next.

RESOLVED, That 1½ per cent. instead of 1 per cent. as enacted at the last Convention, be collected on the salaries of the different Ministers of the associated churches, throughout the State, as a fund for printing the Journals and defraying the other incidental expenses of the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention; and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Mr. Wm. Stevenson.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Hutchins,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY MEMBERS.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
Wm. Bingham, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Mr. W. Stevenson.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in Philadelphia, on the annual day.

The Convention then broke up.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.

CANON X.

Passed at the 13th State Convention, June 23, 1797, and amended by the following Convention, June 5, 1798.

As a free intercourse of friendly communication between the several congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the district of Pennsylvania, would greatly contribute to the interest and satisfaction of the whole body; it is therefore required of every clergyman to make such communication to the Bishop of said church on the 2nd Monday after Whitsunday yearly, and in every year, on, or before the said day to be delivered into his hands by every clergyman, or by some person on his behalf; in which he shall set forth the particular circumstances of the congregation or congregations in which he officiates; as, the number of families belonging to each, the baptisms, communicants, and such general information concerning the state of the church, as he shall think useful and necessary; and that whenever the Journals of this Convention shall be published, such extracts from said communication, as may be thought advisable shall be published with them.

JOURNAL
OF THE
FOURTEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY JUNE 5, 1798.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. **WILLIAM WHITE**, D. D.
The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Philadelphia.
The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the Univer-
sity of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-
Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's Church,
Marcus Hook.
The Rev. *John H. Hobart*, A. M.

LAITY.

- From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—*Joseph Swift*, Esq., Mr.
Leeson Simmons, Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*.
From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*Col. F. Gurney*, *John C.*
Stocker, Esq., *Joseph Sims*, Esq.
From Trinity, All Saints, and St. Thomas's Churches—Mr.
J. B. Gilpin, and Mr. *C. Loeser*.

The Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers, and was afterwards unanimously chosen Secretary.

The delegates from the several congregations produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Minutes of the former Convention were read.

The Bishop having stated to the Convention that it was his design, in the event of his life and health, and if approved of by the Convention, to deliver to the clergy, an annual Pastoral Charge at the future meetings of the Convention, and in their presence,

RESOLVED, That the same is approved of, and the Bishop is desired to carry it into effect.

RESOLVED, That the Canon passed at the last Convention be so far altered, as that the returns to be made to the Bishop, by the several parochial clergy in the month of March yearly, and in every year, be on the second Monday after Whitsunday, yearly, and in every year, on, or before the said day, to be delivered into his hands by every clergyman, or some person on his behalf.

RESOLVED, That the aforesaid Canon, as altered, be sent to every clergyman, and to every congregation destitute of a minister, with a notification of the stated annual day of the meeting of the State Convention.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Convention to give notice of the annual day of meeting to every clergyman, and to every congregation destitute of a minister, to be sent not later than the preceding Easter.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention; and of a Standing Committee, and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY MEMBERS.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Mr. J. B. Gilpin.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY MEMBERS.

Joseph Swift, Esq.
Francis Gurney, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
John Donaldson, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in Philadelphia, on the next annual day at 10 o' clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
FIFTEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY MAY 21ST, 1799.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. **WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**
The Rev. *William Smith, D. D.*
The Rev. *Samuel Magaw, D. D.* Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie, A. M.* Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

LAITY.

From Christ-Church, and St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*Joseph Swift, Esq., Gen. Gurney, John C. Stocker, Esq., Capt. Leeson Simmons.*

The Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers, and was then unanimously elected Secretary.

The delegates from Christ-Church and St. Peter's produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

RESOLVED, That, as through the omission of notice, or some other circumstances, the number of members who

have attended this Convention, is unusually small, the Bishop be requested to defer the delivery of the Charge which he has prepared agreeably to the desire of the last Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen :

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY MEMBERS.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
M. J. B. Gilpin.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie,

LAY-MEMBERS.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
Joseph Swift, Esq.
J. C. Stocker, Esq.
John Donaldson, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in Philadelphia, on the next annual day, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
SIXTEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 1800.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, A. M. Rector of St. James's,
Lancaster.
The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook.

LAYTY.

- From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*,
Mr. Leeson Simmons.
From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia—General *Gurney*,
John C. Stocker, Esq., *Joseph Sims*, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson read prayers.

The lay delegates produced their testimonials of appointment which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Blackwell was chosen.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Clarkson, Gen. Gurney, and Joseph Sims, Esq., Members of the late General Convention, communicated the following resolution of that body, *to wit*: **RESOLVED**, That it be made known to the several State Conventions, that it is proposed, to consider and determine in the next General Convention, on the following alteration of the First Article of the Constitution, to read thus: *Art. 1st*, There shall be a General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, on the third Tuesday of May, in the year of our Lord 1805, and on the third Tuesday in May, in every fifth year afterwards, in such place, &c. as before.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen :

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DELEGATES.

General Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. John B. Gilpin.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice:

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY MEMBERS.

General Gurney,
Joseph Swift, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. T. Cumpston,

RESOLVED, That the Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Convention then adjourned.

ROBERT BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

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Y JUNE 15TH, 1802.

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phia—Mr. *Leeson Simmons*.

Philadelphia—General *Gurney*,
ims, Esq.

a county—Mr. *J. B. Gilpin*.

ounty—Mr. *Nicholas Jones*.

The Convention being assembled, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell read prayers.

The lay Deputies produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when Dr. Blackwell was chosen.

RESOLVED, That the time of the annual meeting of this Convention shall be advertised in at least two newspapers, for six weeks previous to the day of meeting.

RESOLVED, That the Council of advice form a plan, by which the vacant congregations of the church in this State may occasionally have the benefit of Divine Service and preaching among them. And it is recommended to every clergyman to give a Sunday or two in each year, for promoting so good and pious a purpose.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

General Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. John B. Gilpin.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY MEMBERS.

General Gurney,
Joseph Swift, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day, which is the second Tuesday after the Feast of Pentecost, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The Convention then adjourned.

ROBERT BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY JUNE 15TH, 1802.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D**
The Rev. *Samuel Magaw*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

LAITY.

- From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *Leeson Simmons*.
From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia—General *Gurney*,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
From All Saints, Philadelphia county—Mr. *J. B. Gilpin*.
From St. Gabriel's, Berks county—Mr. *Nicholas Jones*.

The Rev. Mr. Turner read prayers.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Blackwell was chosen.

The lay Delegates produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The resolution of the General Convention, held at Trenton, in the State of New-Jersey in Sept. 1801, for altering the First Article of the Constitution, was made known to this Convention.

Inasmuch as a report has for some time past prevailed, and yet obtains, affecting the moral character of the Rev. Robert Andrews, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Pennsylvania,—late of Pittsburg, and now teacher of a private school in this city, the influence of which report must be deeply injurious to the interest of religion, and the reputation of the church: *Resolved*, that the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, Mr. Jones, and General Gurney, be a committee of inquiry to examine impartially, and strictly, into the grounds of the above, and, of the same, to make report to this Convention as soon as may be.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. John B. Gilpin.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY MEMBERS.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
Joseph Swift, Esq.
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

On Motion, **RESOLVED**, That if any of the deputies to the General Convention should decline the appointment, or be unable to attend, the remaining deputies, of the same order, may elect another person in his stead, who shall have the same powers as if directly appointed by the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned 'till tomorrow 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, June 16th, 1802.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

PRESENT.

The Right Rev. Dr. White.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews,	General Gurney,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,	Mr. Nicholas Jones,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,	Mr. Leeson Simmons,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.	John C. Stocker, Esq.

The committee appointed to inquire concerning the alleged misconduct of the Rev. Robert Andrews; Report that they have been as diligent in the said inquiry as the interval of time permitted; but had not yet obtained such information as to enable them to form an opinion, either as to the instituting a process on the ground of the Canons, or as to the dismissal of the subject from the further consideration of the Convention. The committee therefore recommend a further adjournment of the Convention.

Mr. Nicholas Jones living at a great distance from Philadelphia, requested to be dismissed from the committee, his request was granted, and Mr. Stocker appointed one of the committee.

The Convention then adjourned to the first Tuesday in October next; to meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ROBERT BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
NINETEENTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1803.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.
The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.
The Rev. *John Armstrong*.

LAITY.

- From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—Mr. *Joseph Claypoole*,
Mr. *Leeson Simmons*, Mr. *W. Hall*.
From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia—General *Gurney*,
John C. Stocker, Esq.

The Rev. Mr. Abercrombie read prayers.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Blackwell was chosen.

The minutes of the former Convention being read, it was given as a reason why the members did not attend their adjourned meeting on the first Tuesday in October, that the yellow fever then prevailed in the city.

The lay delegates produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention went into the consideration of the case of the Rev. Robert Andrews, as apparent on the minutes of the last Convention. And after a full discussion of the subject; on motion made and seconded, *Resolved*, That, agreeably to the first Canon of the Church in this State, the said Rev. Robert Andrews be presented to the Bishop for trial, on the following charge: *viz.* That the said Rev. Robert Andrews, knowing that he was reported to have been guilty of adultery, with a certain woman, in whose house he was a lodger, had not only neglected to take any measures to disprove the matter, although the same had been intimated to him by certain of his brethren of the clergy; but had continued to be a lodger in the house kept by the woman, with whom the said criminal conversation had been reported to have taken place: Whereby the said Robert Andrews has brought reproach on the clerical character, and on religion generally.

The Secretary is ordered to furnish the Bishop with a copy of the above.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY DEPUTIES.

General Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. John Lardner.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Magaw,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.
Rev. Mr. Turner.

LAY DEPUTIES.

General Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.
Mr. James Ash.

RESOLVED, That if any of the deputies to the General Convention should decline the appointment, or be unable to attend, the remaining deputies of the same order, shall elect another person in his stead; who shall have the same powers as if directly appointed by the Convention.

On Motion, RESOLVED, That Mr. Stocker, and Mr. Sims, be a committee on the part of this Convention, to attend any proceedings which may be held in the case of the Rev. Robert Andrews; and that the Bishop be desired to notify the said gentlemen of such proceedings, when held.

RESOLVED, That the Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day at 10 o'clock, A. M. The Convention then adjourned.

ROBERT BLACKWELL,
Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
TWENTIETH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY MAY 29TH, 1804.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. **WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, A. M. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, A. M. Rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's:

The Rev. *Caleb Hopkins*.

LAYTY.

From Christ-Church—Philadelphia, *Wm. Tilghman, Esq.,*
Capt. *Leeson Simmons*.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—General *Gurney, J. C.,*
Stocker, Esq., Mr. *Joseph Sims*.

From St. Gabriel's, Berks county—Mr. *Levi Bull*.

The Rev. Mr. Clarkson read prayers.

The lay delegates produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. Dr. Blackwell was chosen.

It was communicated to this Convention by the Bishop, that the Rev. Robert Andrews had been degraded from the holy office of the ministry.

Ordered, that the instrument of his degradation be entered on the minutes, which is as follows:

BY WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS it is provided by the first of the Canons of the General Convention of the year 1801, that “ if any person having been ordained in this Church, or having been otherwise regularly ordained and admitted a Minister in this Church, shall discontinue all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or shall avow that he is no longer a Minister of this Church, or shall live in the habitual disuse of the publick worship or of the holy Eucharist, according to the offices of this Church, such person, on due proof of the same, or on his own confession, shall be liable to be degraded from the Ministry ;”

And whereas *Robert Andrews*, heretofore a Minister of this Church, hath declared his “ determination of henceforth relinquishing all claim to the character and functions of a clergyman” in this Church; the said declaration being contained in a letter to the Reverend John Andrews, D. D., and the said letter having been acknowledged to me by the said Robert Andrews in person, to be his act and a true expression of his intentions;

Therefore, with the approbation of the Council of Advice, I degrade the said Robert Andrews from the Ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the *United States of America*; and I pronounce the former ordinations of the

said Robert Andrews to the holy orders of Deacons
Priests to be henceforth of no effect.

WITNESS my hand, this *twenty-seventh* day
of December, in the year of our Lord, one
thousand eight hundred and three.

WILLIAM WHITE.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of the members of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen :

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell.
Rev. Mr. Clarkson,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY DELEGATES.

Wm. Tilghman, Esq.
General Gurney,
T. Cumpston, Esq.
Mr. Levi Bull.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Hutchins,
Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Mr. Turner,
Rev. Mr. Abercrombie.

LAY MEMBERS.

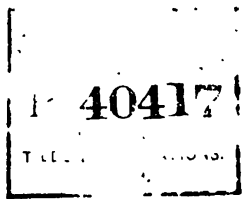
General Gurney,
John C. Stocker, Esq.
Joseph Sims, Esq.
T. Cumpston, Esq.
James Ash, Esq.

The delegates to the General Convention are empowered by this Convention, to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in Philadelphia, on the next annual day, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

The Convention then broke up.

ROBERT BLACKWELL,
Secretary.



JOURNAL
OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

In the State of Pennsylvania,

*Held in Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia,
on Tuesday, the 11th of June, 1805.*

PRESENT.

CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REVD. WM. WHITE, D. D.

The Revd. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of
the University of Pennsylvania.

The Revd. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister
of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Revd. *Joseph Pilmore*, Rector of St. Paul's,
Philadelphia.

The Revd. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's,
Marcus Hook.

The Revd. Mr. *Hopkins*, Rector of St. Gabriel's,
Morlatton.

The Revd. Mr. *Bull*.

LAITY.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia—*Samuel Wheeler*,
Esq. Captain *L. Simmons*.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—*J. C. Stocker*, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—*Mr. John Claxton*,
Mr. Richard North, *P. F. Glentworth*, M. B.

From St. Gabriel's, Morlatton—*Mr. Nicholas Jones*.

THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Hopkins read prayers.

The delegates from the several congregations before mentioned produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a secretary, when Dr. Glentworth was chosen.

On motion, resolved, That the secretary of the Convention be desired to give notice, in future, of the annual day of the Convention, to every clergyman of this church, within the state, and to add in each notice to every clergyman not residing in the city, that he is requested to give notice of the said annual day, not only to the wardens and vestrymen of his own congregation, but to those of every vacant congregation which may be in his vicinity; and the said duty is to be so performed by the secretary, that the notices may be received at least one month before the annual day.

RESOLVED, That it is highly expedient that some measures be adopted for occasional preaching in the vacant congregations of this church. And the clergy now present expressed their desire of severally con-

tributing to this work, so far as is convenient with their respective situations;—Therefore,

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed, who, with the Bishop, shall determine the times and places of preaching, as aforesaid; regard being had to the convenience of the different clergymen who are to undertake the duty. And whereas some clergymen in this state are so remote from the Bishop, that they cannot conveniently confer with him, or the committee to be appointed in regard to the time and place of preaching as aforesaid;—Therefore,

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the more distant clergy to take measures, either individually, or by such agreement as circumstances may permit, for the visiting of vacant congregations, within a convenient distance of them.

The Convention then proceeded to the choice of a committee, when the Revd. Dr. Blackwell, Revd. Mr. Pilmore, and Revd. Mr. Turner were chosen.

RESOLVED, That the different clergy be desired to report to the next convention, the visits which shall be made to vacant congregations, as above provided for.

RESOLVED, That the different clergymen visiting as above provided for, be desired to furnish the Bishop, and the committee, with such information as they shall be able to obtain from the different congregations, as to the best means of upholding the administration of the ordinances of religion among them, and that for this end the congregations be assured of the earnest desire which the Convention entertain for the accomplishing of that object.

RESOLVED, That the secretary be desired to forward a copy of these resolutions to every Clergyman within the state.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of Members of the Standing Committee, and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

General Convention.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

LAY DELEGATES.

Revd. Dr. Andrews,	Wm. Tilghman, Esq.
Revd. Dr. Blackwell,	Gen. Gurney,
Revd. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. Nicholas Jones,
Revd. Mr. Clarkson.	Doctor Glentworth.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

LAY MEMBERS.

Revd. Dr. Andrews,	Gen. Gurney,
Revd. Dr. Blackwell,	Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Revd. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. John Matthews,
Revd. Mr. Pilmore,	Mr. Joseph Sims,
Revd. Mr. Turner.	Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

RESOLVED, That the Delegates to the General Convention be empowered by this Convention to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

RESOLVED, That the Convention shall meet at Christ Church in the city of Philadelphia, on the next Annual Day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention then adjourned.

PLUNKET F. GLENTWORTH,

Secretary.

JOURNAL
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND CONVENTION
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
In the State of Pennsylvania,
*Held in Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia,
on Tuesday the 3d of June, 1806.*

P R E S E N T.

CLERGY.

THE RIGHT REVD. WM. WHITE, D. D.

The Revd. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of
the University of Pennsylvania.

The Revd. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister
of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Revd. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Assistant Minister
of Christ Church and St. Peter's Philadelphia.

The Revd. *Joseph Pilmore*, Rector of St. Paul's,
Church, Philadelphia.

The Revd. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D.

The Revd. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's,
Marcus Hook.

The Revd. *Joseph Clarkson*, A. M. Rector of St.
James's, Lancaster.

The Revd. *Caleb Hopkins*, Rector of St. Gabriel's,
Berks County.

The Revd. *Levi Bull*.

LAITY.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia—Captain *Leeson
Simmons*, *Peter Browne*, Esq.

From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—Gen. *Francis Gur-
ney*, Mr. *Joseph Sims*.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *John Claxton*,
P. F. Glentworth, M. B.

From Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia county—
Mr. *John Lardner*.

From All Saints Church, Philadelphia county—Mr.
William Lardner.

From St. Gabriel's, Berks county—Mr. *Nicholas
Jones*.



THE Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr.
Bull read prayers.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a
Secretary, when Dr. Glentworth was chosen.

The Secretary reported that the journal of the last, and a notice of the meeting of the present Convention, had been forwarded to every clergyman within the state.

Several of the clergy present having made verbal reports, that they had visited vacant congregations since the last Convention.—On motion, resolved, That the clergy hereafter visiting such congregations, report to the Bishop in writing, such information as they shall be able to obtain respecting them, to be laid by him before the Convention.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to request the attention of every clergyman within the state to the 11th Canon of the General Convention.

RESOLVED, That a discourse be delivered annually before the Convention, on the second Wednesday after Whitsunday, the plan on which that duty shall be performed, to be determined by the Bishop and Council of Advice; and that notice be given of the same to every Episcopal congregation in this city the preceding Sunday.

The Convention proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of Members of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

General Convention.

CLERICAL DELEGATES. LAY DELEGATES.

Revd. Dr. Andrews,	William Tilghman, Esq.
Revd. Dr. Blackwell,	Gen. Gurney.
Revd. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. Nicholas Jones,
Revd. Mr. Clarkson.	Dr. Glentworth.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

Revd. Dr. Andrews,
Revd. Dr. Blackwell,
Revd. Dr. Abercrombie,
Revd. Mr. Pilmore,
Revd. Mr. Turner.

LAY MEMBERS.

Gen Gurney,
Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Mr. John Matthews,
Mr. Joseph Sims,
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

RESOLVED, That the Delegates to the General Convention be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary have the journal of the present Convention printed.

RESOLVED, That the Convention shall meet at Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day.

The Convention then adjourned.

P. F. GLENTWORTH,
Secretary.

JOURNAL

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION,

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY MAY 26TH, 1807.

Clerical and lay deputies from several churches assembled, and adjourned, to 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, May 27th, 1807.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. **WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**

The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Assistant Minister of Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

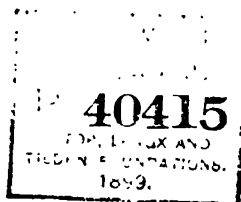
The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, A. M. Rector of St. James's, Lancaster.

The Rev. *Joseph Turner*, Rector of St. Martin's.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*.



LAITY.

From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—*Peter Browne, Esq.*
Mr. Leeson Simmons.

From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia—*General Gurney,*
John C. Stocker, Esq., Joseph Sims, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—*Mr. John Matthews, P. F.*
Glentworth, M. B.

From Trinity Church, Oxford—*John Lardner, Esq.*

From All Saints, Penepeck—*Wm. Lardner, Esq.*

From St. Gabriel's, Berks county—*Mr. George Douglass.*

The Rev. Mr. Pilmore read prayers, and the Right Rev. Dr. White delivered a Pastoral Charge.

The delegates from the several congregations beforementioned produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when Doctor Glentworth was chosen.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Bishop, for his Charge to the clergy, delivered this day; and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same, to be printed.

Several of the clergy present, not being prepared to report a list of the marriages, baptisms, and communicants, in their congregation;

RESOLVED, That they be requested to report to the Bishop, such information as soon as possible, and that the Secretary be directed to forward said list, to every clergyman in this State, with the present Journal when printed.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

Delegates to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie.
Rev. Mr. Clarkson.

LAY DELEGATES.

General Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Mr. John Lardner,
Doct. Glentworth.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Mr. Pilmore,
Rev. Mr. Turner.

LAY MEMBERS;

General Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Mr. John Matthews,
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the General Convention be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

RESOLVED, That the Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Convention then adjourned.

P. F. GLENTWORTH,
Secretary.



JOURNAL
OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH CONVENTION,
OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
IN THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
HELD IN CHRIST-CHURCH, ON TUESDAY; JUNE 14TH, 1808.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**
The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Assistant Minister of
Christ-Church and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Phila-
delphia.
The Rev. *John Andrews*, D. D. Vice Provost of the Univer-
sity of Pennsylvania.
The Rev. *Caleb Hopkins*, Rector of the United Churches,
Northumberland.
The Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks; and St.
Mary's, Chester county.

LAITY.

- From Christ-Church, Philadelphia—*Peter Browne*, Esq.,
Mr. Leesen Simmons.
From St. Peter's, Philadelphia—General *Gurney*, J. C.
Stöcker, Esq., *Joseph Sims*, Esq.

From St. Paul's, Philadelphia—Mr. *Richard North*, Doct.
Glentworth.

From Trinity Church, Oxford—Mr. *Benjamin Cotman*, Mr.
Abraham Duffield.

From All Saints, Penepeck—Mr. *Jacob Duffield*.

From St. John's Church, Chester county—Mr. *John Chandler*.

From St. Mary's Church, Chester county—*Matthew Kaler*, Esq.

From St. Gabriel's, Berks county—Mr. *Jacob Warner*.

The lay Delegates produced their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention then adjourned 'till 11 o'clock, tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, June 15th, 1808.

The Convention met and attended Divine Service performed by the Rev. Mr. Bull, and a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie.

After the congregation was dismissed, Doctor Glentworth was chosen Secretary.

The Rev. Joseph Turner Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; the Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D., the Rev. Mr. Ayres, and Mr. John Matthews, lay delegate from St. Paul's, Philadelphia, took their seats.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, for his Sermon delivered this day, and that he be requested to furnish a copy of the same, to be printed.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the Journal of the last General Convention to every congregation in this State, and to such as have a clergyman, to request his attention to the 10th Canon, of this church.

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, and the Secretary be a committee for revising, correcting, and publishing 250 copies of such of the Journals as have not been heretofore printed.

RESOLVED, That the Rev. Dr. Blackwell and the Secretary be a committee to bring before the next State Convention, any subject directed by the late General Convention to be laid before them.

The Convention then proceeded by ballot to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Mr. Clarkson.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
John Lardner, Esq.
Doct. Glentworth.

Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Mr. Turner.

LAY MEMBERS.

Gen. Francis Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Mr. John Matthews,
Mr. Thomas Cumpston.

RESOLVED, That the delegates to the General Convention be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

RESOLVED, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ-Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Convention then adjourned.

P. F. GLENTWORTH,
Secretary.

**JOURNAL of the TWENTY-FIFTH CONVENTION OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the
State of Pennsylvania, held in Christ Church,
in the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, May
30th, 1809.**

MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.**
Rev. ROBERT BLACKWELL, D. D. Assistant Min-
 ister of Christ Church and St. Peter's, Phila-
 delphia.
Rev. JOSEPH PILMORE, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's
 Church, Philadelphia.
Rev. JOSEPH TURNER, Rector of St. Martin's, Mar-
 cus Hook.
Rev. JOSEPH CLARKSON, Rector of St. James',
 Lancaster.
Rev. Mr. WILTBANK, Rector of Trinity, Oxford,
 and All Saints, Pennepack.

LAITY.

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| HON. WILLIAM TILGHMAN, | } | From Christ Church,
Philadelphia. |
| PETER BROWNE, Esq. | | |
| Gen. FRANCIS GURNEY, | } | From St. Peter's,
Philadelphia. |
| JOHN CLEMENT STOCKER, | | |
| Mr. RICHARD NORTH, | } | From St. Paul's
Philadelphia. |
| Dr. GLENTWORTH, | | |
| Mr. ABRAHAM DUFFIELD, Trinity Church, Oxford. | | |



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Mr. JACOB DUFFIELD, All Saints, Pennepack.
Mr. JOHN CHANDLER, St. John's, Chester County.
Mr. ZACHARIAH DERRICK, St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook.

Mr. PETER JONES, St. Gabriel's, Berk's County.
Mr. JAMES WITHY, Chester.

The Rev. Mr. Wiltbank read Prayers.

The Lay Delegates present, presented their testimonials of appointment, which were read and approved.

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Mr. James Withy, a member from St. Paul's Church, Chester, attended, but had not a certificate of his appointment.—It was therefore Resolved, That Mr. Withy not having any testimonial of his regular appointment, be requested to continue his seat, although he cannot be entitled to a vote.

Dr. GLENTWORTH, was chosen Secretary.

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The journal of the last Convention was read.—Dr. Blackwell and Dr. Glentworth, appointed at the last, to bring before this Convention, any subject directed to be laid before them, by the last General Convention—Reported the following addition to the eighth article of the Constitution of the Church :—“ No alteration or addition shall be made in the Book of Common Prayer, or other Offices of the Church, unless the same shall be proposed in one General Convention, and by a Resolve thereof, made known to the Convention of every Diocese or State, and adopted at the subsequent General Convention.

The Constitution and Canons of the Church were read agreeably to the direction contained in the forty-sixth Canon.

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The Convention then adjourned, until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1809.

The Convention being assembled, the Rev. Mr. Clarkson read Prayers.

The Rev. John Andrews, D. D.

Joseph Hutchins, D. D.

Joseph Sims, Esq. and Mr. Leeson Simmons, appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop made the following Address, as prescribed by the forty-fifth Canon.

My Reverend Brethren of the Clergy, and my Brethren Lay Deputies of this Convention :

IT becomes my duty, in compliance with a Canon of the last General Convention, to give you information under sundry heads therein specified.

During the past year, I have not visited any Congregation of this Diocese beyond the bounds of the city, for the performance of the office of Confirmation ; not having been called on for that purpose, by any of my Reverend Brethren. Within the city, I have confirmed, in the course of the year, forty-one persons ; and have lately, in a neighbouring district of New-Jersey, complied with an invitation to visit three Churches—Trinity Church of Swedesborough, St. George's, of Penn's Neck, and St. John's, of Salem. In the first mentioned, I confirmed two hundred and fifty-one persons ; and in the second, which is a new Church lately erected to replace an old one, I performed the office of Consecration. The third has been so long out of repair, as to induce my

preaching in the vicinity ; but during my visit, the members came to the resolution of repairing the building.—In the course of this visit, I derived much satisfaction from witnessing the greatly increased attention to all the duties of Religion throughout that neighbourhood, under the Ministry of the Rev. Simon Wilmer.

There have been ordained by me, the Rev. Daniel Higbee, Deacon ; and the Rev. John Jacob Tsheudi, Priest—the former for New-Jersey, and the latter for South Carolina.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, formerly of Lewis-Town, in the State of Delaware, has lately complied with an invitation from Trinity Church, Oxford, and from All Saints, Pennepack ; and has settled as the Pastor of these Churches.

It becomes my duty to make known to this Convention, that some years ago, the late Mr. Andrew Doz, of this city, devised the greater part of his estate to be divided, after the decease of his then wife and daughter, and applied to seven public uses ; among which, was a provision for the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his successors, who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his Diocese. In consequence of the late decease of Mrs. Martha Magaw, daughter of Mr. Doz, the three Trustees under the Will, of whom I am one, are taking measures for the sale and the distribution of the property : of which two thousand dollars have been paid this morning, and are now ready to be appropriated as a fund, for your Bishop for the time being.

There does not occur to me any other matter to be mentioned, as what may become a ground of a proceeding of this Convention; except what has arisen out of an incident, by which I find myself liable to inconveniences of a civil nature; such as may very much interfere with my ecclesiastical duties, both episcopal and parochial. The apprehended evil may perhaps be prevented, by giving greater expedition to any process becoming necessary, on an allegation of any irregularity made cognizable by our Canons. This being a matter requiring considerable deliberation, and there not appearing at present the probability of danger from a reasonable delay; the most which I would recommend to this Convention, is to put the subject in train for the deliberation of the next.

In this short Address, I trust I have answered the purposes for which it has been prescribed. But I ought not to lose the opportunity of exhorting all the Members of this Body, to the doing of their endeavours, in their respective stations, for the promoting of the success of Religion; and also to the conducting of the business which may come before them on this occasion in such a spirit and under such a sense of responsibility to the great Head of the Church, as shall assure the serving of the design on which we are assembled.

My Brethren of the Clergy, in particular, I ought to exhort—considering what is to be said as addressed to my own conscience, as well as to that of every Brother present—to diligence in the discharge of

the Ministerial duties in our respective spheres. Time is rapidly passing by us : But the instructions and the persuasions which it gives us opportunities of bestowing, may have an influence on the temporal and the eternal happiness, not only of those with whom we have an intercourse, but of persons yet unborn—And doubtless, on such an improvement of our day of usefulness, will depend our own conditions, when that Day shall be for ever closed.

WILLIAM WHITE.

May 31, 1809.

In consequence of the information laid before this Convention by the Bishop, of a Legacy bequeathed by the late Alexander Doz :

Resolved, That the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, be authorised to consider of and direct proper measures for the vesting of the said Legacy, and for the securing of it in Trustees.

As much inconvenience may arise from the delay of presentments between the annual meeting of the Convention, agreeably to the first Canon of 1795—

Resolved, That the Hon. Mr. Tilghman, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, and Joseph Sims, Esq. be a Committee to report thereon at the next Convention, if they should consider it expedient.

Mr. James Withy, from St. Paul's Church, Chester, informed that it was the wish of that congregation, to be supplied with a Minister ; and it appeared to be the opinion of Mr. Withy, and the Members of the Convention, if such a Minister could be procured, that the neighbouring Churches would join in the support of him.

Therefore Resolved, That it be recommended to the Vestry of Saint Paul's, and the neighbouring Churches, to express their desires in writing, with information of what can be done for the support of a Minister, and to transmit the same to the Bishop, who with the Clergy of the city present, engage to use their best endeavours for the settlement of a Minister in the said congregation.

Whereas, It has been stated to this Convention, that sundry of the Clergy and of the Laity, have encouraged a periodical work, published in New-York, entitled *The Churchman's Magazine*—conceiving the general tendency of it to be the diffusing of correct information concerning the doctrine, the worship, and the discipline of the Episcopal Church,

Resolved, That this convention approve of the said encouragement, many of the members having paid attention to the execution of the work, and others being favourably disposed to it from report.

And whereas the reverend editor has offered ten per cent. to the several state conventions, on the proceeds of all the copies sold within their respective bounds; *Resolved*, That this convention are sensible of the liberality of the offer, but decline the acceptance of it, so far as respects themselves, their motive being a reluctance to the existence of such a drawback from the proceeds of the publication, as may prevent a sufficient encouragement to the continuance of it.

Resolved, That the secretary be desired to furnish the Reverend Editor of the *Churchman's Magazine* with a copy of the above.

The convention proceeded by ballot to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of the Members of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following gentlemen were chosen.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical.

Rev. Dr. Andrews,
Dr. Blackwell,
Dr. Abercrombie,
Mr. Clarkson.

Lay.

Gen. Gurney,
Josph Sims, Esq.
John Lardner, Esq.
Dr. Glentworth.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF ADVICE.

Clerical Members.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Dr. Andrews,
Dr. Pilmore,
Dr. Abercrombie,
Mr. Turner.

Lay Members.

Gen. Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Thomas Cumpston,
Dr. Glentworth.

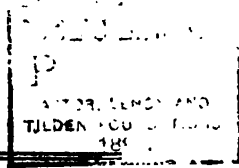
Resolved, That the Delegates to the General Convention be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

Resolved, That the resolution of the 22d Convention directing the annual delivery of a discourse, on the second Wednesday after Whitsunday, be repealed.

Resolved, That the Convention will meet at Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next Annual Day at 10 o'clock. A. M.

The Convention then adjourned.

P. F. GLENTWORTH, *Secretary.*



**JOURNAL of the TWENTY-SIXTH CONVENTION OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, in the
State of Pennsylvania, held in Christ Church, in
the City of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, 19th June,
1810.**

PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. WILLIAM WHITE, D. D.

The Rev. ROBERT BLACKWELL, D. D. Assistant
Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's
and St. James', Philadelphia.

The Rev. JAMES ABERCROMBIE, D. D. Assistant
Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's
and St. James', Philadelphia.

The Rev. JOSEPH PILMORE, D. D. Rector of St.
Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. JOHN ANDREWS, D. D. Vice Provost of
the University of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. JOSEPH HUTCHINS, D. D.

**The Rev. JOSEPH TURNER, Rector of St. Martin's
Church, Marcus Hook.**

**The Rev. SLATER CLAY, Rector of St. David's,
Radnor, St. Peter's, in the Valley, and
St. James', Perkiomen.**

The Rev. JOSEPH CLARKSON, Rector of St. James', Lancaster, St. John's, Pequea, and Bangor Church, Carnarvon.

The Rev. JAMES WILTBANK, Rector of Trinity Church and All Saints Church, Philadelphia County.

The Rev. LEVI BULL, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Berk's County, and St. Mary's, Chester County.

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**From Christ Church, } Mr. LEESON SIMMONS.
Philadelphia,**

**Saint Peter's, } Gen. GURNEY,
J. C. STOCKER, Esq.**

Saint James', JAMES MILNOR, Esq.

**Saint Paul's, } Mr. JOHN MATTHEWS,
Mr. RICHARD NORTH.**

**Trinity Church, Phi- } JOHN LARDNER, Esq.
ladelphia County, } Mr. ABM. DUFFIELD.**

**All Saints Church, Phi- } WM. LARDNER, Esq.
ladelphia County, } Mr. JACOB DUFFIELD.**

**Saint Martin's Church, } Mr. ZACH. DERRICK.
Marcus Hook,**

**Saint John's Church, } Mr. M. PEIRCE,
Chester County, } Mr. J. SMITH.**

**Saint Gabriel's Church, } Mr. JACOB WARREN.
Berk's County,**

**Saint Mary's, Chester } Mr. THOMAS BULL.
County,**

Saint John's Church, }
York County, } Mr. JOSEPH SCHALL.

The Rev. Mr. CLAY read Prayers.

The Lay Delegates produced the Testimonials of their appointment, which were read and approved.

The Convention proceeded to the choice of a Secretary, when Dr. GLENTWORTH, a Lay Delegate from St. Paul's Church, was named, but being absent, Mr. JOHN MATTHEWS was appointed Secretary, pro tempore.

The Bishop made the following Address as prescribed by the forty-fifth Canon.

My Reverend Brethren of the Clergy, and my Brethren the Lay-deputies of this Convention :

AGREEABLY to a practice begun by me at the last annual Convention of our Church in this state, and founded on a provision of one of the canons of the general convention, I precede your deliberations by the notice of a few particulars, which the course of my duty furnishes as matter of information.

Within the last year, I have visited beyond the bounds of the city, St. James's Church, Lancaster ; in which, besides preaching, I confirmed persons ; and Trinity church, Oxford, in which, besides preaching, I confirmed thirteen persons. My

confirmations in the city, have been of one hundred and twenty-five persons.

On this subject of visitation and confirmation, I wish it to be understood that, however my constant parochial engagements may prevent my travelling to a considerable distance from home, without provision made for the supplying of my place in my churches agreeably to the twentieth canon; yet, in regard to churches within a convenient distance, I am always ready, while my health shall be continued, to comply with any invitation, accompanied with a notification that my presence is desired, with a view to the administering of the rite of confirmation.

The only ordinations performed by me, since the last convention are of the Reverend John Chandler, and of the Reverend Charles Burroughs, to the office of deacons. The former was ordained for New Loudon, in Chester county, but on some domestic considerations, has since removed to the state of Maryland.

Having noticed to the last convention, the legacy of the late Mr. Andrew Doz, and informed them that the sum of two thousand dollars had been recently paid, I think it proper to mention now, that the said sum has been laid out by the council of advice, in a ground-rent, which is vested in trustees, and made payable to the bishop of this church for

the time being. The trustees, under the will of Mr. Doz, are proceeding in the sales of different parts of his estate. And it is probable that another sum will be received shortly.

There may be a use in calling into view the very imperfect returns made under the forty-fifth canon of the general convention. Perhaps this body may think it expedient to devise some measure, for the rendering of them more complete in future.

Although it is the object of this short address, to lay before the convention matters on which they are competent to act, yet I trust that it will not be thought unsuitable to the occasion, to conclude with exhorting to a matter which no human authority can reach—the doing of whatever lies on us, in our respective spheres, to extend the influence of vital and practical religion: the clergy, by zeal in their sacred calling, and a punctual attention to its various offices; and both the clerical and the lay members, by the possession of the inward principle of godliness; by a steady, yet unostentatious profession, before the world; and by a suitable life and conversation.

WILLIAM WHITE.

June, 1810.



The Committee appointed at the last Convention, to devise a plan for preventing inconveniences that may occur from the delay of presentments, Report, that they have not matured the business referred to them.

Resolved, That this Committee be continued, and requested to report at the next Convention, if they should consider it expedient.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Dr. Pilmore, and Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, be a Committee to arrange a statement of the number of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals, and of the number of Communicants in the Churches represented in this Convention for the last two years.

The Convention then proceeded by ballot, to the election of Delegates to the General Convention, and of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice, when the following Gentlemen were chosen :—

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

Clerical Deputies.

The Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Dr. Pilmore,
Mr. Wiltbank,
Mr. Bull,

Lay Deputies.

Joseph Sims, Esq.
Dr. Glentworth,
James Milnor, Esq.
William Lardner, Esq.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL OF ADVICE.

Clerical Members.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell,
Dr. Pilmore,
Dr. Abercrombie,
Dr. Andrews,
Mr. Turner,

Lay Members.

Gen. Gurney,
Joseph Sims, Esq.
Samuel Wheeler, Esq.
Dr. Glentworth,
Thos. Cumpston, Esq.

Resolved, That the Delegates to the General Convention, be empowered to fill up any vacancy that may take place among them.

Resolved, That the next Convention shall meet at Christ Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on the next annual day, at 11 o'clock, A. M. -

The Convention then adjourned.

P. F GLENTWORTH, Secretary.

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SAMUEL H. TURNER, A.M.

JACKSON KEMPER, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peters, and St. James's, Philad.

LAY DELEGATES.

From Christ Church, Philad.	Mr. Leeson Simmons.
St. Peter's,	General F. Gurney.
	Mr. Joseph Sims.
	John C. Stocker, Esq.
St. James's,	Hon. James Milnor.
	Thomas M'Euen, Esq.
St. Paul's,	Dr. Glentworth.
	Mr. John Matthews.
	Mr. Richard North.
Trinity Church, Oxford,	Mr. Fox.
	Mr. John Lardner.
All Saints, Pequestin,	Mr. William Lardner.
	Mr. Jacob Duffield.
St. David's, Radnor,	Major William Brooke.
	Mr. Philip Sheaff.
St. John's, Concord,	Mr. John Pierce.
St. James, Bristol,	Mr. John M'Elroy.

The Convention being assembled, divine service was celebrated by the Revd. Mr. Wiltbank.

The Lay Delegates produced the testimonials of their respective appointments, which were read and approved.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen secretary.

Agreeably to the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention, the Bishop delivered the following address ;

My Brethren, the Clergy and the Lay Delegates of this Convention ;

I MEET you with the more satisfaction on this occasion, because of my late return from a General Convention of our Church ; in which its concerns have been transacted with unanimity and brotherly regard. What renders the late session of that body the more interesting, is its having been the means of adding to the number of our Bishops ; at a time when from the bodily complaints of the greater number of my Right Rev. Brethren, from the advanced age of all of us, and

from the constant uncertainty of human life, there had arisen no small danger of our being without the canonical number required for the consecration of a bishop. In making this communication, it is no small addition to the satisfaction felt, that the most favourable expectations may be founded on the reputation of the two newly consecrated Bishops, in their respective dioceses; and on the reputation of one of them among ourselves; to several of whom, and to myself in particular, he has been known from his very early years.

Before the meeting of the late Convention, I received some communications relative to our Church in the most westerly counties in this state. As the Churches in adjoining states were interested in the subject of the communications; it became proper to submit them to the body, representing our Communion at large. The consequence of this was, the referring of the case to be considered of and acted on by the Bishops in Pennsylvania and Virginia. As my share in the concern is interesting to our whole Church in this state; I have conceived it to be proper to submit the matter to your consideration; and to inform you, that the communications referred to are at your command.

I have lately received communications concerning the Episcopal Church in York-Town, and conceive it to be my duty to lay them before the Convention. That Church was concerned in the earliest measures for the organizing of our Communion: But except at the period referred to, and at the last Convention they have not had either a Clerical or a Lay member in this body. Still, there has been no doubt of their considering themselves as belonging to our Communion. The Convention will consider of the measures to be pursued at the present juncture.

My ordinations in the last year have been of the Rev. Samuel Hulbat Turner of this state, and of the Rev. Jackson Kemper of New York, but since settled in this state, and of the Rev. Charles Blair Snowden, of South Carolina, to the holy office of Deacons; and of the last mentioned, to the holy office of Priests; also to the said office of Priests, of the Rev. Daniel Higbee of New Jersey, and of the Rev. John Barnwell Campbell of South Carolina: of whom the former had been ordained Deacon by me in the preceding year, and the latter had received Deacons orders in England.

My constant course of parochial duty has prevented me from visiting any neighbouring Church, destitute of a minister. Could visits of this description be rendered acceptable on week days, it would be much easier to accomplish so desirable an object. The number of persons confirmed by me, all in the city, have been sixty-one.

In my last annual communication, there was held out the expectation of another payment from the estate of the late Mr. Andrew Doz; accordingly it may be proper to mention, that there has been a payment of two thousand dollars; of which thirteen hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents are on a bond secured by mortgage, and the remainder in money. The Council of Advice have taken measures for the realizing of the latter sum, agreeably to the directions of a former Convention.

I have nothing to add, but the assurance of my prayers for the blessing of God on your counsels, and your labours for the good of the Church.

WILLIAM WHITE.

The Journal of the last Convention was then read.

Dr. Glentworth reported that the deputies to the General Convention, agreeably to the power invested in them, had appointed Thomas M'Euen, Esq. and Mr. Ephraim Clark to fill the vacancies occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Sims and Mr. Lardner; and that the afore-named persons had attended accordingly.

The Committee appointed to devise a plan for preventing inconveniences that may occur from the delay of presentations, reported a Canon, which was unanimously adopted.

It being reported that the General Convention had referred the business relative to a Bishop for the Western states, and for the parts of the states of Pennsylvania and Virginia situated beyond the Alleghany Mountains to the Bishops of Pennsylvania and Virginia:

It was thereupon resolved, that the Council of Advice be desired to assist the Bishop in the aforesaid business so far as it relates to this state.

The Convention having taken into consideration the papers laid before them by the Bishop relative to the Church in York-Town:

Resolved, That this business be referred to the Council of Advice, and that they be and are hereby instructed to take with the concurrence of the Bishop, such measures as they may think proper thereupon.

On motion of the Hon. James Milnor, **Resolved**, that a committee be appointed to devise a plan for instituting a Fund for the support of the Episcopate in this state, and that the said Committee report to the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. Andrews, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, the Hon. James Milnor, and Dr. Glentworth, were appointed the committee for the aforesaid purpose.

The Clergy were called on for their parochial reports, required by the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention. The following were presented.

The United Churches of Christ's Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, the Right Revd. WILLIAM WHITE, Rector—from the 1st January, 1810, to the 1st January, 1811.

Baptisms, males . . .	124
females . . .	95
Marriages	126
Interments, males, . . .	68
females . . .	58
Communicants	200

Return of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, from the Convention of 1810 to the Convention of 1811.

Burials - - - -	6
Baptisms - - - -	8
Marriages - - - -	11, one only of
which was performed by me.	
Communicants - - - -	15

JOSEPH TURNER.

Return of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Pequestin.

Baptisms - - - -	16
Marriages - - - -	12
Communicants - - - -	35
Funerals - - - -	10

J. WILTBANK.

Return of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms	-	-	-	67
Communicants	-	-	-	176
Marriages	-	-	-	46
Burials	-	-	-	33

JOSEPH PILMORE, Rector.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Delegates to the General Convention.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell	Dr. Glentworth
Dr. Pilmore	Mr. Milnor
Mr. Bull	Mr. Sims
Mr. Wiltbank	Mr. William Lardner.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, Members of the Standing Committee, and Council of Advice.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell	Genl. Gurney
Dr. Pilmore	Mr. Sims
Dr. Andrews	Dr. Glentworth
Dr. Abercrombie	Mr. Cumpston
Mr. Turner	Mr. Milnor.

The Convention adjourned.

JACKSON KEMPER, Secretary.*Canon of Presentment adopted 1811.*

Presentment may be made for misbehaviour within this Church; not only by the Convention and by any Vestry, as provided for in the first of the Canons passed in 1795; but by any three members of the Church, they pledging themselves to support their charge or charges: Provided, that the presentment and the documents accompanying it be in writing and be first laid before the Bishop, and by him before the Council of Advice, with the names of the witnesses and the points to which the proffered testimonies apply; and provided also it be not rejected by the Bishop with the concurrence of the Council, as either futile in itself, or unsupported by the evidence. But the presenters, if trial should proceed, shall be at liberty to bring further evidence.

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CALEB HOPKINS, Rector of Christ Church, Derry; St. Paul's, Bloom; and Christ Church, Turbit, Northumberland county.

LEVI BULL, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berk's county, and St. Mary's, Chester county.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Rector of St. John's, Yorktown.

JACKSON KEMPER, Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philad.

LAY DELEGATES.

From St. Paul's, Chester,	George B. Lownes, Pierce Crosby.
St. Thomas's, White- Marsh,	Christopher Loeser.
St. Gabriel's, Berks,	Jacob Warner.
All Saints,	Jacob Duffield, George Breck.
St. John's, Concord,	John Pierce.
St. James's, Lancaster,	William Hamilton.
Trinity Church, Oxford	Sereck Fox.
St. Mary's, Chester cou.	Matthew Keller.
St. Paul's, Philadelphia	Dr. P. F. Glentworth.
Christ Church, Phila.	Mr. Morrell, W. Simmons.
St. Peter's, Philadel.	General Gurney, Mr. C. Stocker.
St. James's, Philadel.	Mr. M'Euen, Mr. Markland.
St. James's, Bristol,	John M'Elroy, John Harrison.

TUESDAY, May 26th.

The Convention being assembled, divine service was performed by the Rev. Levi Bull.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen Secretary.

Agreeably to the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention, the Bishop delivered the following address :

My brethren, the clergy and the lay deputies of this convention—

Agreeably to the provisions of the 45th canon of the general convention, I report to you, that since the last meeting of this body, I have visited St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. James's, Bristol : in the last two of which, I administered the ordinance of confirmation. The

persons confirmed in the city and in those three churches, are 306.

I have ordained to the holy office of priest, the Reverend John B. Campbell, of the state of South Carolina.

The last convention were informed by me, as their minutes shew, that the general convention had referred to the bishops of our church in Pennsylvania and Virginia, an application relative to the appointment of a bishop for the western states, and for the parts of the two specified states, beyond the Alleghany mountains. After having been engaged in making some previous inquiries, which might aid in coming to a determination on the subject, I received information of the decease of bishop Madison; which, of course, rendered all further proceeding impracticable for the present. But as it may hereafter be resumed, I submit to this convention the inquiry, how far it may be expedient to declare their consent, in the event of there being consecrated a bishop for one of the western states, that the churches in this state lying beyond the Alleghany mountains, may have the benefit of his superintendence; so far as shall consist with the provisions of the general ecclesiastical constitution, and the act of association of the church in this state.

On the journal of the last convention, there is noticed the complaint of disorder in the church at Yorktown; and the case was referred to the bishop and the council of advice, according to the canons. In consequence, the Reverend Jos. Clarkson was appointed to repair to Yorktown, to make inquiry, and to report as the case might require. We know of some proceedings in this business; but no final report being made, it has not been acted on to effect.

In another case which has been mentioned in this convention—that of complaints from the churches in Northumberland county, the Rev. Levi Bull was appointed to repair to the vicinity, to inquire, and to make report. This service he has performed. So far as one branch of the subject is concerned, it is now matured to be acted on in the way of trial, according to the provisions of the canons. But there is another branch of the subject, in relation to which there is a difficulty not yet removed.

With much satisfaction I inform the convention, that within these few weeks there has been an institution formed in this city, for the advancement of Christianity in this state. The constitution of the society will be laid before you, agreeably to their direction: and I ought not to entertain any doubt that it will receive your approbation and your sanction.

I have nothing further to offer, except to assure my reverend and my lay brethren now assembled, that in carrying into effect the worthy object the last stated, and in all other exertions for the extending of the influence of our Holy Religion, according to the views of it taken in the doctrines, in the worship, and in the discipline of our church, my best services shall not be wanting.

WILLIAM WHITE.

May 26, 1812.

The journal of the last convention was then read.

The convention took up the subject mentioned in the bishop's address, respecting the contemplated appointment of a bishop in one of the western states, so far as the said subject may have a relation to the churches in this state, westward of the Alleghany mountains.

Whereupon resolved, that if a bishop should be consecrated for any state to the westward, and it should be thought expedient that the churches of this state westward of the Alleghany mountains should be under the superintendence of the bishop so contemplated; this convention consent to the same, on such terms as may be approved of by the bishop and the council of advice of this church.

The bishop informed the convention that the Rev. John Armstrong was entitled to a seat in this convention. Mr. Armstrong took his seat accordingly.

Dr. Andrews, from the committee appointed to devise a plan for instituting a fund for the support of the episcopate in this state, made the following report, which was considered by sections, and unanimously adopted:

The committee appointed at the last convention of this church, to devise ways and means for the support of the *episcopate* in Pennsylvania, beg leave to lay before you the following plan—

Whereas, it is a general opinion entertained by all true episcopalians, that the apostolic authority of the holy christian ministry, has been handed down by an uninterrupted succession of bishops in the church of God, it is but reasonable to expect that they should consider it as a duty incumbent on them, to use their best endeavours for the support of it: And whereas, a considerable donation has been left by the late Andrew Doz, Esq. towards a fund for the support of a bishop in the state of Pennsylvania, your committee do therefore propose to the clerical and lay delegates of the said church, here convened, that they should now take order for completing the

fund of which he has so generously laid the foundation.—
Therefore, resolved ;

1. That, with the concurrence of the present venerable bishop, it be enjoined as the duty of every settled clergyman of this church, once in every year to preach a sermon on the apostolic succession, or on such other appropriate subject as to him shall seem best adapted to promote the important object in view.

2. That a contribution shall then be made by the congregation, for the sole and express purpose of making provision for supporting the episcopate in this state.

3. That the money so collected shall be forwarded to the treasurer to be appointed by this convention, whose duty shall be to keep a regular account of all the monies received, and to make a report to the annual convention of the church.

4. It shall be the duty of the said treasurer, to consult with the bishop and standing committee of the church, on the best mode of *securing* and making the *fund* PRODUCTIVE.

5. That not only the money received from the collections after service, but the interest thereof, shall be kept together and made an increasing fund ; until in the opinion of a future convention it shall be thought expedient to apply the proceeds thereof to the proposed object.

The following canon was proposed and adopted.

CANON.

Whereas, in the case of trial, consequent on the presentation of a lay member of this church, the lay assessors required by the 4th canon may not conveniently be obtained from the congregation of the accused party consistently with security for impartiality ; the bishop, with the consent of the council of advice, if in their judgment the circumstances of the case shall so require, may summon lay assessors from any other congregation or congregations of this church, any thing to the contrary in the 4th canon notwithstanding.

On motion, resolved, that the convention adjourn till tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, May 27th, 1812.

The convention having assembled, the Rev. Mr. Wiltbank performed divine service.

All the members were present except the Rev. Mr. Clay, Mr. George B. Lownes, and Mr. Christopher Loeser.

The minutes of the preceding day were read.

The following letter, with a copy of the address and constitution, was received from the board of trustees of "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania."

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Philadelphia, May 26th, 1812.

RESPECTED SIRs,

Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, instituted for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, I am required to lay before your respectable body a copy of the constitution of the society, for your sanction and approbation. Agreeably to which resolution, I now transmit a copy of the constitution, and with the highest regard am,

Respected Sirs, your ob't. servant,

C. N. BANCKER,

Recording secretary.

**To the Convention of the Protestant
Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania.**

The letter and the constitution of the Society having been read; on motion it was unanimously resolved: that this convention have received with much pleasure information of the establishment of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania; that they give their unqualified approbation to so laudable an institution; and promise to co-operate with them in promoting their pious and benevolent designs.

It having been stated, that the sum of \$270 or thereabouts, formerly collected for a plan to be thereafter instituted for the support of missionaries, and that the same is now in the hands of a gentlemen who is ready to pay it as this board should direct:

Resolved, that this convention do hereby resign their right to the said sum and request that it may be paid to the Treasurer of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in this state for the use of said society.

On motion it was resolved that the following papers laid before the convention by the Bishop be inserted on the journal:

There having been mention made on the journal of the last convention, and also that of the present, of a complaint concerning a disorder said to exist in the church of Yorktown, the Bishop thinks there may be propriety in stating as follows:

The minister of that church, the Rev. John Armstrong, having settled in this state, without a certificate from the bishop of this church in Maryland, which is made necessary by the canons of the general convention, the said Rev. John Armstrong has been considered as not entitled to a seat in this convention: but the bishop now gives information, that the

requisite certificate from the bishop of this church in Maryland has been received.

There having been also a presentment of the Rev. John Armstrong for trial, on account of irregularities said to have been committed by him; the bishop also informed the convention, that the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, who was duly appointed a commissary in relation to the said presentment, has reported that the same could not be acted on; because not signed by three members of this church, agreeably to the canons.

Rev. Mr. C's. report, above referred to :

Agreeably to my appointment as commissary in the case of the Rev. John Armstrong, of York-town, I repaired to the place on the 27th August last, both parties having been previously noticed of the day, and found the presentment totally informal—two, if not three of the four presenters, not being members of the church. And further, I think from what information I received while in Yorktown, by free, familiar and impartial intercourse with the members of the congregation generally, that the charges could not be substantiated, so as to bring the Rev. Mr. John Armstrong into any disrepute, more especially, as he is now fully received into the bosom of the church in this state.

JOSEPH CLARKSON.

May 27th, 1812.

On motion of Dr. Andrews, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to arrange the canons, regulations and rules of order which have been made at the different state conventions; to propose such amendments and additions as they may deem expedient and to report the same at the next convention, with a view of their being inserted, with the act of association, on the journal.

Dr. Andrews and the Secretary were appointed a committee for the aforesaid purpose.

On motion, Resolved, that at the opening of every annual convention a sermon shall be delivered suitable to the occasion by a clergyman appointed previously thereto: and that this duty shall never be omitted except when the bishop shall deliver a charge.

On motion of Mr. Hamilton, resolved as the opinion of this convention that it will not be decorous in any clergyman to have his conventional sermon printed, unless the printing

thereof be solicited by two thirds of the convention before whom such sermon is delivered.

On motion, ordered that the pastoral addresses which shall hereafter be sent from the house of bishops, shall be read to every congregation in this diocese.

Resolved that the churches in this diocese annually contribute a certain sum for the purpose of defraying such expenses as the convention may incur, and for defraying the expenses of the delegates to the general convention; and that the said sum be raised according to the following ratio: each of the churches in the city of Philadelphia shall contribute twenty dollars; and all the other congregations throughout the diocese, five dollars each, per annum.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed for the purpose of making out an accurate list of all the clergy and congregations in this state; and that the said list be published on the journal of the next convention. Dr. Andrews and the secretary were appointed the committee.

Resolved, that the resolve of this convention made in 1792 be renewed, which required the secretary of the standing committee and council of advice, to lay the minutes of the preceding year's business annually before the convention.

It was ordered that the sermons for the Episcopal Fund, should be delivered between Easter and Whitsunday.

Dr. Glentworth was appointed treasurer to the convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the parochial reports shall hereafter be read before the convention.

The Rev. Mr. Bull proposed the following canon which was adopted:

CANON.

Presentment may be made for misbehaviour, within this church; not only by the convention, and by any vestry, as provided for in the first of the canons passed in 1795; but by any three members of the church, being communicants, they pledging themselves to support the charge or charges by them exhibited: provided that the presentment and documents accompanying it be in writing, and be first laid before the bishop, and by him before the council of advice, with the names of the witnesses, and the points to which the proffered testimony applies; and provided also it be not rejected by the bishop with the concurrence of the council as either futile in itself, or unsupported by the evidence. But the presenters, if trial should proceed, shall be at liberty to bring further evidence,—and the canon passed in 1811, is hereby repealed.

The secretary laid before the convention the proposals of Mr. Horwitz for publishing a Hebrew bible.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, delegates to the general convention :

Rev. Dr. Andrews,	Dr. P. F. Glentworth,
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,	Mr. Milnor,
Rev. Dr. Hutchins,	Mr. M'Euen,
Rev. Mr. Clarkson,	Mr. M'Elroy.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, members of the standing committee and council of advice :

Rev. Dr. Blackwell,	Gen. Gurney,
Rev. Dr. Andrews,	Dr. Glentworth,
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,	Mr. Cumpston,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. Milnor,
Rev. Mr. Turner,	Mr. Sims.

The Convention adjourned.

JACKSON KEMPER, Secretary.

Return of the United Churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, the Right Revd. WILLIAM WHITE, Rector—from the 1st of January 1811, to the 1st of January 1812.

Baptisms, males	143
females	99
Marriages,	96
Burials, males	82
females	57
Communicants,	225

Return from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Rev. JOSEPH PILMORE, D.D. Rector.

Baptisms,	109
Marriages,	62
Funerals,	44
Communicants,	190

Return from Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin, the Rev. JAMES WILTBANK, Rector.

Baptisms,	8
Marriages,	10
Burials,	18
Communicants,	40

*Return from St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, by the Rev.
JOSEPH TURNER, Rector.*

Baptisms, adults	12
infants	16
Marriages,	2
Communicants,	19
Burials,	5

*Return from St. Mary's Church, Chester county, by the Rev.
LEVI BULL, Rector.*

Baptisms,	25
Marriages,	9
Burials, not ascertained.	
Communicants,	76

*Return from St. Gabriel's, Amity township, Berks county,
made by NICHOLAS JONES, Clerk.*

Baptisms,	11
Marriages,	4
Burials,	4
Communicants,	88

*Return from St. John's Church, Yorktown, made by the Rev.
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Rector.*

Baptisms,	12
Marriages,	20
Communicants,	30

*Return from Christ Church, Derry, Christ Church, Milton,
St. Paul's, Bloom, and St. Mark's, Fishing Creek, all in
Northumberland county, by the Rev. CALB HOPKINS,
Rector.*

Baptisms,	199
Communicants,	91

*Return from St. James's Church, Bristol, made by JOHN
M'ELROY, Warden.*

Communicants,	20
Baptisms,	18

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OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH CONVENTION
OF THE
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IN THE
State of Pennsylvania.

**Held in Christ Church, in the City of Philadelphia, on
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MDCCXIII.**



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MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop; and
Rector of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church and
St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D.

Joseph Hutchins, D. D.

Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's,
Philadelphia.

James Abercrombie, D. D. Assistant Mi-
nister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and
St. James's, Philadelphia.

Slater Clay, Rector of St. James's, Perkio-
men, and St. Peter's, Great Valley.

James Wiltbank, Rector of Trinity Church,
Oxford, and All Saints, Pequestin.

Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks
county, and St. Mary's, Chester county.

John Armstrong, Rector of St. John's, York.

John Ward, officiating at Germantown.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's.

***Richard D. Hall*, Deacon, officiating at Bristol.**

***Jehu Curtis Clay*, Deacon.**

LAY DELEGATES.

From St. David's, Radnor,

**Philip Sheaff,
John Brook.**

St. Peter's, Great Valley,

Joseph Roland.

St. Paul's, Philadelphia,

Dr. Glentworth,

Mr. Richard North,

Mr. John Claxton.

St. James's, Perkiomen,

Mr. James Bean.

All Saints,

William Lardner.

Trinity Church, Oxford,

John Lardner,

Sereck Fox.

Christ Church, Phila.

Mr. Cumpston,

Mr. Clark,

Mr. Murdock.

St. Peter's, Philadelphia,

Mr. Gurney,

Mr. Stocker,

Mr. Smith.

St. James's, Philadelphia,	Mr. M'Euen,
	Mr. Markland,
	Mr. Dale.
St. Paul's, Chester,	Peirce Crosby.
St. John's, Concord,	Mr. John Peirce.
St. John's, York,	John Schall.
St. Mary's, Chester co.	Matthias Keller.
St. James's, Bristol,	John M'Elroy,
	John Harrison.
St. Gabriel's, Berks co.	Mr. Jonathan Jones,
	Mr. Jacob Warren.

TUESDAY, June 15th.

Divine service was performed by the Rev. John Ward. The Rev. Dr. Pilmore preached.

When the Convention was organized for business, the Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen Secretary.

The Bishop delivered the following address:

My brethren, the clergy, and the lay deputies of this Convention:—

Agreeably to the provisions of the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention, I report to you, that since the last meeting of this body, I have visited St. Mary's church, Chester; St. John's, York Town; St. James's, Lancaster; St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster co.; Bangor church in the same; and All Saints, Peques-

tin, and Trinity church, Oxford, both in Philadelphia county. In each of these churches I preached, and administered the rite of confirmation. The numbers confirmed in them respectively, as also the number confirmed in the city, will be subjoined to this address.

I have ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. William King, of the state of Virginia; that diocese being at present without a bishop; also to the holy office of deacons, the Rev. Richard Hall, of this state, but having a temporary residence in New Jersey; and the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, of this state.

It is satisfactory to me to mention, that since the last Convention, the Society for the advancement of Christianity in this state, the organization of which was then communicated, have begun their labours. Most of the vacant churches have been visited under their direction; and from the satisfaction given, we may hope that, under the Divine Blessing, there will be an increasing usefulness of the institution.

As the minutes of the last Convention show, that a complaint had been instituted against the Rev. Caleb Hopkins, it is proper to report, that there have been judicial proceedings in relation to the same, agreeably to the canons; that the bishop and the assessors duly appointed came to a final determination; and that Mr. Hopkins and the vestry of his church have been duly informed of the result.

Agreeably to a measure adopted by the last Convention, sermons have been preached for the creating of an Episcopal fund in the churches within the city, and in other churches within the state. The sums collected amount to seven hundred and seventy-one dollars sixty-two cents. It remains to give to these, and to future collections, such a direction as to accomplish the intended object. Your present bishop, sensible of the inconvenience to the church, of the union of the charge of the Episcopacy, with that of a parochial cure, but aware that the system must continue during the remainder of his life, anticipates with pleasure the fruits of a design, which contemplates the severance, at some future time, of the two characters sustained by him.

There has lately settled in this state, at Germantown, in the neighbourhood of the city, the Rev. John Ward, with the hope of gathering a congregation, and creating a church in that place.

Within the year, there have departed this life, of the clergy within the state, the Rev. Dr. Magaw, formerly Rector of St. Paul's Church within the city, the Rev. Dr. Andrews, Provost of the University, and the Rev. Thomas Davis, formerly of Fayette county, but recently of Somerset county. In consequence of my long habits of the most friendly intercourse with the two first mentioned of these our departed brethren, with the last of whom especially, I had cultivated an uninterrupted friendship of half a century, their de-

cease has excited the liveliest sensibilities in my mind. My reverend brethren will bear with me while I remind them—and I do not forget that the suggestion should especially apply to myself, as a cotemporary of the reverend brethren removed from us—that the events should excite each of us to the improvement of what may remain of the day of his ministry, in order, that whenever it may terminate, he may finish his course with joy.

WILLIAM WHITE.

CONFIRMATIONS.

	Nos.
At St. Mary's, Chester county, - - - -	43
St. Johns, York Town, - - - -	71
St. James's, Lancaster, - - - -	36
St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster co. - -	65
Bangor Church, Do. - - - -	73
All Saints, Pequestan, - - - -	34
In the city. - - - -	259

Information concerning the property received from the estate of Andrew Doz.—With money reported to be in hand, at the Convention of 1811, there has been purchased a ground rent of 24 dollars per annum. The price paid—336 dollars.

Agreeably to the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention, the following Reports were read, and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes.

Return of the United Churches of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, the Right Rev. William White, D. D. Rector—from the 1st of January, 1812, to the 1st of January, 1813.

Baptisms,	- - - - -	204
Burials,	- - - - -	137
Communicants, about	- -	300
Marriages,	- - - - -	66

Return of St. John's Church, in the Borough of York.

Baptisms,	- - - - -	16
Communicants,	- - - - -	50
Marriages,	- - - - -	10

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Rector.

Return from Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms,	- - - - -	40
Marriages,	- - - - -	12
Funerals,	- - - - -	25
Communicants,	- - - - -	45

JAMES WILTBANK, Rector.

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*Return from St. Gabriel's Church, Amity township,
Berks county, Rev. Levi Bull, Rector.*

Communicants, - - - -	87
Marriages, - - - -	3
Baptisms, - - - -	14
Burials, - - - -	3

NICHOLAS JONES, *Clerk.*

*Return from the African Episcopal Church of St.
Thomas's, Philadelphia, from the 1st of January,
1812, to the 1st of January, 1813.*

Baptisms, - - - -	51
Marriages, - - - -	74
Communicants, - - - -	96
Burials, - - - -	41

ABSALOM JONES, *Rector.*

Return from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, - - - -	112
Marriages, - - - -	80
Communicants, - - - -	200
Funerals, - - - -	40

JOSEPH PILMORE, *Rector.*

Return from St. Mary's Church, East Nantmeal township, Chester county.

Communicants, - - - - 85

Baptisms, - - - - 30

three of whom were adults.

Marriages, - - - - 14

Funerals unascertained.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Return from St. James's Church, Bristol.

Baptisms, adults - - - 12

children - - - 20

Communicants, - - - - 35

deceased, - - - - 1

Burials, - - - - 35

RICHARD D. HALL.

*Return of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, by the
Rev. Joseph Turner, Rector.*

Communicants, - - - - 21

Baptisms, - - - - 6

Burials, - - - - 5

Marriages, - - - - 3

The Secretary informed the Convention, that in consequence of the death of the Rev. Dr. Andrews, the committee appointed to arrange the Canons, re-

gulations and rules of order, which have been made at the different state Conventions; to propose such amendments and additions as they may deem expedient, and to report the same at this Convention, with a view of their being inserted, with the Act of Association, on the Journal; and likewise the committee appointed for the purpose of making out an accurate list of all the clergy and congregations in this State; were not ready to report.

Whereupon it was resolved, that the Secretary, the Rev. Dr. Pilmore, the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, Gen. Gurney, and Dr. Glentworth, be a committee for the purpose of accomplishing the above mentioned business.

A letter was received from the recording Secretary of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, inviting the clerical and lay members of the Convention to attend a meeting of the Trustees on this evening, for the purpose of laying before them the proceedings and situation of the Society.

On motion it was resolved, that all those members who have it in their power, will attend the said meeting.

Dr. Glentworth, the Treasurer of the Convention, reported the following receipts:

EPISCOPATE FUND.

1813.		D. C.
May 23.	St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	117.
24.	Christ Church, Do.	- 154 85
25.	St. Peter's, Do.	- 144 37
27.	St. James's, Do.	- 202 66
June 12.	St. James's, Perkiomen,	- 8 17
	Trinity, Oxford,	- 37 90
15.	St. John's, York,	- - 15
	St. Gabriel's, Berks,	- - 41
	St. Mary's, Chester co.	- 13 50
	St. Peter's, Valley,	- - 10
	All Saints, Pequestan,	- 27 17
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		\$ 771 62

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, delegates to the General Convention:

Rev. Mr. Wiltbank,	Gen. Gurney,
Rev. Mr. Bull,	Mr. M'Euen,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. M'Elroy,
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,	Mr. Warren.

The following persons were chosen, by ballot, members of the standing committee and council of advice:

Rev. Dr. Hutchins,	Gen. Gurney,
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,	Dr. Glentworth,

Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. M'Euen,
Rev. Mr. Turner,	Mr. Cumpston,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,	Mr. Sims.

On motion it was resolved, that the delegates have power to supply any vacancy that may occur among them.

It was resolved, that the next meeting of the Convention shall be held in St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Adjourned.

JACKSON KEMPER, Secretary.

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James Abercrombie, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Frederic Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Turner, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

James Wiltbank, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.

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Jehu Curtis Clay, Deacon, officiating at St. David's, Radnor.

LAY DELEGATES.

From St. David's, Radnor,

Philip Sheaff,

William Brooke.

St. Gabriel's, Berks co.	George Douglas.
Christ Church, Philadelphia,	Thomas Cumpston,
	William Murdock.
St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	Francis Gurney,
	John B. Wallace,
	Daniel Smith.
St. James's, Philadelphia,	Thomas M'Euen,
	John Markland,
	Richard Dale.
St. Mary's, Chester county,	Matthias Keller,
	John Jones.
St. James's, Perkiomen,	Jesse Bean.
St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chest. co.	John Ralston.
St. James's, Bristol,	John M'Elroy,
	John Harrison,
	Robert Cabeen,
	Joseph King.
Trinity Church, Oxford,	John Lardner,
	Sereck Fox.
All Saints, Lower Dublin,	Jacob Duffield,
	George Breck.
St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	John Claxton,
	P. F. Glentworth,
	Walter Kerr.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, PHILA. JUNE 7th, 1814.

10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was opened with divine service. The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie read prayer. The Rev. Mr. Wiltbank preached.

After divine service the following clergymen appeared and took their seats. The Right Rev. Bishop White, Dr. Blackwell, Dr. Pilmore, Dr. Abercrombie, Dr. Beasley, Mr. Turner, Mr. Wiltbank, Mr. Kemper, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Jehu C. Clay.

The following lay delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted to seats. Matthew Keller, John

Jones, John Ralston, John McElroy, John Harrison, Robert Cas-
 bean, Joseph King, Jesse Bean, Philip Sheaff, William Brooks,
 John Lardner, Sereck Fox, Jacob Duffield, George Breck, T.
 Cumpston, Wm. Murdock, F. Gurney, J. B. Wallace, D. Smith,
 Thomas McEuen, John Markland, Richard Dale, John Claxton,
 P. F. Glentworth, and Walter Kerr.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen secretary.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the general Convention the
 bishop delivered the following address:

My brethren, the clergy and the lay deputies of this Con-
 vention:—

In pursuance of my plan of annual communication, adopted
 in compliance with the forty-fifth Canon of the General Con-
 vention, it lies on me to inform you, that within the last year, I visited
 St. James's Church, Perkiomen; St. Gabriel's, Morlattan; and St.
 James's, Bristol. In each of these, I preached and confirmed;
 and in the last of them, I administered the holy communion: the
 minister of that Church being in deacon's orders only. The num-
 ber of persons confirmed in each of the said Churches, as also
 the number confirmed in the city, will be presented by me to be
 recorded on your Journal.

There have been ordained by me to the holy office of dea-
 cons, Jehu Curtis Clay, son of the Rev. Slator Clay; and to the
 holy office of priests, the Rev. Jackson Kemper, and the Rev.
 Richard Hall—all of this diocese: and, with the consent of bish-
 op Clagget, the Rev. Samuel H. Turner, of the diocese of Ma-
 ryland.

The Rev. Richard Hall has taken the charge of St. James's
 Church, Bristol.

In the course of the last summer, another visit was made to
 most of the vacant Churches in the state, under the direction of
 the society for the advancement of Christianity. They have also
 published and dispersed several valuable tracts; and have purcha-
 sed and distributed some books of Common Prayer; and sold ma-
 ny copies of it at a reduced price.

In the General Convention lately held in this city, besides
 many provisions tending to the due ordering of our ecclesiastical

concerns—among which, as we trust, is the consecration of the Rev. Richard Channing Moore, D. D. late of the city of New-York, for the diocese of Virginia; there is a measure, which it rests on me to state to you on this occasion. I allude to a recommendation which the Convention have issued, for the introducing of the custom of standing, during the singing of any portions of the Psalms and Hymns in metre. It is to be hoped, that the recommended posture will be perceived to be better suited than that of sitting, to the act of adoration. The bishops, when they proposed this measure, were aware that much allowance is to be made for the practice heretofore prevailing; which, until within these few years, was universal throughout America; and as far as my personal knowledge extends, in England also.* This did not hinder us from yielding to a sense of duty, in proposing the change of custom which has been suggested. And the proposal having been sanctioned by the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, I trust, that it will be acceptable to all orders of persons in this diocese; and that the clergy in particular will take effective measures for the carrying of the recommendation into effect—still with the reservation therein contemplated, of some delay where circumstances may render it expedient. For it is my desire, that the discretion vested in the bishop, may be considered as extending to every parochial clergyman—the same reason applying: which is, “the giving of time and opportunity of explaining satisfactorily the grounds of the measure.”

There are two other measures of the General Convention, which I shall request the secretary to read to you, with the view of their being entered on the Journal. They relate to subjects which have been committed to the ecclesiastical authorities in the respective dioceses, for the acquiring of information and advice thereon. Any useful suggestions which may be made to me on these subjects, shall be carefully noted; to be submitted to the next General Convention.

Thirty years are now passed, since the organization of our communion in this state and throughout the union was begun in

* Until of late years, if it existed in England, it must have been partial. It certainly did not extend to the metropolis; into which, however, it is said to have been introduced.

this city. "It has been my lot, to take a share in all the counsels, as well of the General Conventions, as of those which have been held for this diocese in particular. So long as health and strength and mental ability may permit, I shall esteem no labour too great for the perpetuating and the improving of what I have seen auspiciously begun and prosperously conducted. The point to which I apply the retrospect, is the calling on my brethren of this Convention, and the clerical part of it especially, to bestow their best endeavours in the same sacred cause; and constantly to put up their prayers for the divine blessing on the work.

WILLIAM WHITE.

CONFIRMATIONS

During 1813.

	Nos.
In the city, - - - - -	275
All Saints, Lower Dublin, - - - - -	33
St. James's, Perkiomen, - - - - -	49
St. Gabriel's, Morlattan, - - - - -	35
St. James's, Bristol, - - - - -	43
St. Mary's, Burlington, N. J. - - - - -	30
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The committee on the Canons, Regulations, &c. informed the Convention that they would report to-morrow.

The bishop read two resolutions which he intended to submit to the consideration of the Convention to-morrow.

The following parochial Reports were read:

Report of the United Churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, and St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, - - - - -	269
Burials, - - - - -	145
Communicants, about - - - - -	300
Marriages, - - - - -	52

WILLIAM WHITE, Rector.

The annual account of the Parish of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	96
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	210
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	81
Funerals,	-	-	:	-	-	44

JOSEPH PILMORE, *Rector.*

Report from the Parish and Church of St. James's, the Greater, Bristol, from Convention of 1813, to Convention of 1814—by the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

Baptisms, adults	-	-	-	-	50
Children,	-	-	-	-	43
					Total 93
Communicants removed,	-	-	-	-	1
added,	-	-	-	-	55
					Total 96
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	5
Burials,	-	-	-	-	32

Agreeably to the spirit of the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention, and the custom of Churches in other states, it is further reported, that the congregation of St. James's Bristol, consists of about eighty families and contributors.* The number increasing, as also the demand for pews; some alterations will probably be made in the building through the course of this summer. The present appearances of piety and increasing zeal and attention in the service of the Sanctuary: the fervour and devotion with which our Apostolic Liturgy is performed: the remarkable changes which have, by Divine Grace, been effected in the hearts and lives of many; afford a prospect the most pleasing, that this part of the Episcopal Vineyard will flourish more and more "as a field which the Lord hath blessed."

Return from Trinity and All Saints.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	50
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	15

J. WILTBANK, *Rector.*

* The number of families has greatly increased since the Church has been revived.

Report of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

Communicants,	- - - - -	20
Baptisms,	- - - - -	7
Funerals, -	- - - - -	0
Marriages, -	- - - - -	3

JOSEPH TURNER, *Rector.*

The Rev. Levi Bull, appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. Mr. Hall proposed the following resolution which was agreed to by the Convention.

Resolved, That for the information of the Churches in this diocess, a full statement of the funds for the support of the Episcopate in this state be inserted on the journal of *this* Convention.

Dr. Glentworth, the treasurer of the Convention, made the following report.

Dr. Episcopate Fund of Pennsylvania *In account with Plunket F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.*

1813.	Oct. 13.	To cash paid Messrs. McEnen, Hale, and Davidson, for \$ 850, of 6 per cent. of 1813, at 91 per cent: by the direction of the bishop and the standing committee. - - - - -	773 50		
		Balance carried forward	10 87		
1813.	May 24.	By a collection at St. Paul's Church, Phila. do.		117	85
	25.	Christ-Church, do.		154	37
	27.	St. Peter's do.		144	37
	June 12.	St. James' do.		202	66
		St. James' Perkiomed.		8	17
		Trinity, Oxford.		37	90
	15.	St. John's, York.		15	
		St. Gabriel's, Berks Co.		41	
		St. Mary's, Chester Co.		13	50
		do.		10	
		St. Peter's, Valley.		27	17
		All Saints', Lower Dublin.			
1814.	Jan. 1.	By this sum received being interest on certificate of \$ 850 of six per cent. - - - -		12	75

Dr. Episcopate Fund of Pennsylvania

In account with Plunket F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.

1814.		1814.	
June 14.	To cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale, and Davidson, for \$ 869 14 cts, six per cent. Stock of 1813 at 87 per cent. by the direction of the bishop and standing committee.* - - -	756 15	15
	By balance brought forward, - - -	10	87
May 8.	By a collection at Christ-Church, Phila. do. St. Peter's, do. St. James', do. St. Paul's, do. Trinity, Oxford, do. St. John's, York, do. St. Peter's, Valley, do. St. James', Perkiomen, do. St. James', Bristol. do. All Saints', L. Dublin, do. St. Gabriel's, Berks Co. do. St. Mary's, Chester Co. do.	157 25 139 23 224 89 88 87 10 15 10 67 7 9 12 25 10 16 50 15	
June 6. 7.	By this sum received being interest received on certificates of \$ 850 and \$ 869 14 cts, of six per cent. - - -	38	53
July 1.			
	Errors excepted, P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.	756	15

* Since the adjournment of the convention, the above certificate has been purchased, and the interest received—and is now stated to show how the funds have been applied.

The Rev. Mr. Bull read the parochial reports of his two Churches.

St. Mary's Church.

Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	-	90
Baptisms, infants	-	-	-	-	-	25
Adults,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals unascertained.						

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

St. Gabriel's Church.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	101
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	23
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	4

Taken from the register by

Nicholas Jones, Clerk.

Mr. Douglas, a delegate from St. Gabriel's, appeared and took his seat.

The members of the Convention were invited to attend a meeting of "The Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church, for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," to be held this afternoon in St. James's.

The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday, nine o'clock, A. M. June 8th, 1814.

THE Rev. Mr. Hall read prayers.

The Convention proceeded to business.

Present. Clergy, the Bishop, Dr. Pilmort, Dr. Abercrombie, Mr. Kemper and Mr. Hall. Lay delegates, Matthias Keller, John Jones, John Ralston, John McElroy, John Harrison, Joseph King, Jesse Bean, William Brook, John Lardner, Sereck Fox, Jacob Duffield, George Breck, Thomas Cumpston, William Murdock,

F. Gurney, J. B. Wallace, John Markland, Richard Dale, P. P. Glentworth, Walter Kerr and George Douglas.

The minutes of yesterday were read.

The following extracts from the minutes of the general Convention of 1814, were read at the request of the bishop, and ordered by the Convention to be inserted on the journals.

"Whereas, a diversity of custom, has of late years prevailed in the posture of ministers and of the people, during the act of singing the psalms and the hymns in metre; the former practice of sitting during this part of the service, gradually giving way to the more comely posture of standing; it is hereby recommended by this Convention, that it be considered as the duty of the ministers of this Church, to encourage the use of the latter posture, and to induce the members of their congregations, as circumstances may permit, to do the same; allowance to be made for cases in which it may be considered inconvenient by age, or by infirmity. Practice under this recommendation, is to begin from the time when suitable information shall have been given by the clergy, to their respective flocks. And it shall be the duty of every minister to give notice of this recommendation to his congregation, at such times as in his discretion may be the most proper.

"The carrying into effect of the contemplated change, may be delayed by the bishop of any diocese, or, where there is no bishop, by the ecclesiastical authority therein, until there shall have been time and opportunity of explaining satisfactorily the grounds of the measure."

(A true copy.)

JACKSON KEMPER,
Secretary to the House of Bishops,

"Resolved, that it be referred to the bishops; and, in those dioceses in which there are no bishops, to the standing committees therein, to inquire in the respective dioceses or states, and to consider for themselves, concerning the expediency of establishing a Theological Seminary, to be conducted under the general authority of this Church; and to report to the next general Convention."

(A true copy.)

JACKSON KEMPER,
Secretary to the House of Bishops.

The bishop declared himself ready to receive at this or at any future state Convention, opinions relative to a Theological

Seminary to be conducted on the plan mentioned in the above resolution.

The following gentlemen appeared and took their seats: Mr. Daniel Smith, Rev. Dr. Beasley, Rev. Mr. Wiltbank, Rev. Mr. Turner, Rev. Jehu C. Clay, and Mr. John Claxton.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. McEuen, for the remainder of the session.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper chairman of the committee on Canons, &c. made the following report.

The committee appointed by the Convention of 1812, and continued by the Convention of 1813, on the Canons, and on the Regulations and Rules of Order, and authorized to propose additions and amendments on those subjects, report:

1st. That under the general name of "The Canons of 1795," there be printed the seven canons passed in that year, as they stand on the journal of the same; that under the name of "The Canon of 1796," there be printed the Canon on the journal of that year; that under the name of "The Canon of 1797," there be printed the title in italics of the canon on the journal of that year, with a note intimating that it is now superceded by the Canons of the general Convention; that under the name of "A Canon of 1811," there be printed the title—"A Canon concerning Presentments," in italics, with a note, intimating that it has been repealed; and, that under the name of "The Canons of 1812," there be printed the two Canons at length, as they stand on the journal; the first under the title of "A Canon concerning Lay Assessors," and the second under the following title: "A Canon concerning Presentments." The instrument thus drawn up, is proposed by the committee to be added to the present journal, in an appendix, headed in the first place by the "Act of Association," with its "Supplement," and in the second place, by the following plan of a proposed constitution which the committee recommend, should be adopted by the Convention. (See appendix.)

Secondly, that in the said appendix, there be also inserted under the head of "Regulations, &c. adopted by the Convention at various sittings, and revised and confirmed by the Convention of 1814;" the following regulations, which have been principally

taken from the journals: and it is proposed by the committee, that all other resolves, &c. not included in the following list, but which are to be found on the journals of the Conventions of this church; prior to 1814, be hereby repealed. (*See appendix.*)

Thirdly, in reference to rules of order; it is hereby proposed that the twelve following rules be adopted as the rules of order of this Convention, and be printed in the aforesaid appendix.

(*See appendix.*)

After due consideration the report was agreed to, and the act of association with its supplement, the Canons, the Constitution, the regulations, &c. were ordered to be inserted on the journal in an appendix.

The committee likewise reported an accurate list of the clergy and congregations, which was ordered to be inserted in the appendix.

The following extract from the journal of the general Convention of 1814, concerning a copy-right for the Book of Common Prayer, was ordered to be inserted on the journal.

“The joint committee of the two houses, on the question of a copy-right for the book of Common Prayer, respectfully report as follows:

“They are informed, on credible authority, that the same object was contemplated in the year 1789, on the editing of the book, as it is now established by the authority of this church; but was relinquished, in consequence of perceiving, that complaints were likely to arise from the apprehension, that the price would be thereby enhanced. The objection was, that an appropriation of the proceeds to a purpose both religious and charitable, would not reconcile the members of this church to a tax, which it was alleged, was thus imposed; the book being of a character, which it was a duty to possess. Whether the objection may not be guarded against by a contract in which the prices of books should be fixed, agreeably to their different sizes; and whether in this case, there ought to be disregarded the complaints which would still be made of an alleged unreasonableness of price, the committee submit to the consideration of the convention.

"The committee are not sufficiently informed of the operation of law, on the present subject, so as to judge of the practicability of the measure proposed; nor have they had either time or the authority of the Convention, to take advice thereon. But they propose, that law advice should be taken, before further progress.

"Further, it has not occurred to the committee, how the copy-right may be so contrived as to be made consistent with the eighth article of the Ecclesiastical Constitution. That some alteration must be made in the present book, to bring it under the exclusive claim of a copy-right, is evident. If the alteration should affect the book, as described by its known name, the difficulty here noticed must present itself. But if the alteration should be made in any of the instruments of this church, which are usually bound up with the Book of Common Prayer, it would seem that the latter might be still published, without legal interference.

"On the ground of the premises, the joint committee propose to the two houses as follows:

"Resolved, that it be referred to the bishops, to consider of the propriety of granting a copy-right in the Book of Common Prayer; to inquire in their respective diocesses, and elsewhere as circumstances may permit, whether the said measure can be adopted consistently with law and the approbation of the Conventions in the different diocesses, and to report to the next general Convention."

(A true copy.)

JACKSON KEMPER,

Secretary to the House of Bishops.

On motion, resolved; that whereas it is determined by the constitution of the church in this diocess, that the day of annual Convention may be appointed by that body from time to time; and whereas, since the change of the day of the general Convention, the distance of the same from the immediately precedent Convention of the diocess is inconveniently great; the annual day of the latter Convention shall be from this time, the first Tuesday in May, in every year: on which day no other business shall be transacted than the organizing of the body; so as that they may be ready for further transactions on the day succeeding; on the morning of which succeeding day, there shall be the service and sermon. (See appendix.)

It was moved and seconded, that this Convention reconsider the order of the Convention of 1812, providing for the reading of the pastoral letters of the bishops, in the several congregations of the diocese.

The said order having been reconsidered, resolved, that it be now revoked; and that instead thereof, it shall be the duty of the secretary of this convention, on the printing of any pastoral letter of the bishops in general Convention, to send a copy thereof to every clergyman in the diocese; and as many copies as the number in possession may afford, to the church wardens of every congregation within the same: such copies to be for the perusal of the members of the respective congregations, under such reasonable regulations as circumstances may dictate.

Resolved further, that the same order be taken, in relation to the two pastoral letters already printed, so far as copies can be procured.

Moreover, if any parochial minister should deem it to be expedient to read the pastoral letter to his congregation, the same may be done by him at such time as shall be judged the most expedient.

It being stated to this Convention, that there are in the hands of the bishop and of the secretary, as many copies of the journals of the several Conventions of this diocese, as will furnish a complete set for every congregation therein; resolved, that it shall be the duty of the secretary to send a complete set to the churchwardens of every congregation within the same; under the expectation, that they will be preserved among the records of the congregation, to be consulted on any question on which they may be supposed to give instruction concerning the constitution, or the discipline of this church.

Resolved, that the like provision be made in reference to the three pastoral letters, which have been issued by the bishops of this church.

Resolved, that each set of the above documents be bound, to be paid out of the contributions of the different congregations.

Dr. Glentworth was re-appointed treasurer of the Convention.

The minutes of the standing committee and council of advice were read.

• The following persons were appointed deputies to the general Convention.

CLERGY.

Rev. Dr. Pilmore,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Dr. Beasley,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,

LAITY.

Thomas M'Euen, esq.
Dr. Glentworth,
John M'Elroy, esq.
Richard Dale. esq.

The following persons were elected members of the standing committee and council of advice, until the next annual Convention.

CLERGY.

Dr. Pilmore,
Dr. Abercrombie,
Dr. Beasley,
Mr. Turner,
Mr. Kemper,

LAITY.

Thomas M'Euen, esq.
Dr. Glentworth,
Thomas Cumpston, esq.
John B. Wallace, esq.
Richard Dale. esq.

The Convention adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in May next, at five o'clock, P. M. in St. James's church, Philadelphia.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

I.

AN ACT OF ASSOCIATION

Of the clergy and congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, by the late revolution, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of *America* is become independent of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in *England*; in consequence whereof it is necessary for the clergy and congregations of the said church to associate themselves for maintaining uniformity in divine worship, for procuring the powers of ordination, and for establishing and maintaining a system of ecclesiastical government

And whereas, at a meeting of sundry clergymen and of lay deputies from sundry congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the 24th day of *May*, 1784, there was appointed a committee, to confer and correspond with representatives from the church in other states, for the purpose of constituting an ecclesiastical government, agreeably to certain instructions or fundamental principles:*

* Which are as follow:

First, That the Episcopal Church in these states is and ought to be independent of all foreign authority ecclesiastical or civil.

Secondly, That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive powers to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

Thirdly, That the doctrines of the gospel be maintained as now professed by the Church of *England*; and uniformity of worship be continued, as near as may be to the liturgy of the said church.

Fourthly, That the succession of the ministry be agreeable to the usage which requireth the three orders of bishops, priests, and deacons; that the rights and powers of the same respectively be ascertained: and that they be exercised according to reasonable laws, to be duly made.

Fifthly, That to make canons or laws, there be no other authority than that of a representative body of the clergy and laity conjointly.

And whereas the said committee, being assembled in the city of *New-York*, on the 6th and 7th days of *October*, in the same year, did concur with clergymen and lay deputies from sundry states, in proposing a convention from all the states, to be held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next ensuing, in order to unite in an ecclesiastical constitution, agreeably to certain fundamental principles, expressed in the said proposal:*

And whereas the body which assembled as aforesaid in *New-York* did recommend to the church in the several states, that

Sixthly, That no powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical government, except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the clergy and vestries in their respective congregations.

* Which are as follow:

First, That there be a General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of *America*.

Second, That the Episcopal Church in each state send deputies to the Convention, consisting of clergy and laity.

Third, That associated congregations, in two or more states, may send deputies jointly.

Fourth, That the said church shall maintain the doctrines of the gospel, as now held by the church of *England*, and shall adhere to the liturgy of the said church, as far as shall be consistent with the *American* Revolution, and the constitutions of the respective states.

Fifth, That in every state where there shall be a bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Sixth, That the clergy and laity assembled in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Seventh, That the first meeting of the Convention shall be at *Philadelphia*, the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the Episcopal Churches in the respective states will send their clerical and lay deputies, duly instructed and authorised, to proceed on the necessary business herein proposed for their deliberation.

In compliance with the last article, the following persons are appointed, *viz.* Clerical Deputies,—The Rev. Doctors *White* and *Magaw*, and the Rev. Messrs. *Blackwell*, *Hutchins*, and *Campbell*: And Lay Deputies—Messrs *Richard Peters*, *Gerardus Clarkson*, *Samuel Powel*, *William Atlee*, *Jasper Yeates*, *Stephen Chambers*, *Edward Hand*, *Thomas Heartley*, *John Clarke*, *Archibald Mc Grew*, *Phunket Fleeson*, *Edward Shippen*, *Joseph Swift*, *Andrew Dox*, *John Wood*, *Nicholas Jones*, and *Edward Duffield*.

previously to the said intended meeting; they should organize or associate themselves, agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper:

It is therefore hereby determined and declared by the clergy who do now or who hereafter shall sign this act, and by the congregations who do now or who hereafter shall consent to this act, either by its being ratified by their respective vestries, or by its being signed by their deputies duly authorised, that the said clergy and congregations shall be called, and known by the name of *The Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.*

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That there shall be a convention of the said church; which convention shall consist of all the clergy of the same, and of lay deputies; and that all the acts and proceedings of said convention shall be considered as the acts and proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state; provided always, That the same shall be consistent with the fundamental principles agreed on at the two aforesaid meetings in *Philadelphia* and *New-York.*

And it is hereby further determined, and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That each congregation may send to the convention a deputy or deputies; and where two or more congregations are united, they may send a deputy or deputies for each congregation; and no congregation may send a clergyman as their deputy; and each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the clergy and lay deputies in convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders, and that the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure; and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention shall be a quorum; and on every question, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide,

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That all such clergymen as shall hereafter be settled as the ministers of the congregations ratifying this act, shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy now subscribing the same.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the Convention shall meet on *Monday*, the 22d day of *May*, which will be in the year of our Lord 1786, and forever after on such annual day, and at such other times and at such place, as shall be fixed by future rules of the Convention.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That if the clergy and congregations of any adjoining state or states shall desire to unite with the church in this state, agreeably to the fundamental principles established at the aforesaid meeting in *New-York*, then the Convention shall have power to admit the said clergy and deputies from the congregations of such adjoining state or states, to have the same privileges, and to be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy and congregations in this state.

Done in *Christ Church*, in the city of *Philadelphia*, this 24th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1785. Witness our hands in Ratification of the premises.*

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Rector of *Christ Church* and *St. Peter's*, in *Philadelphia*.

SAMUEL MAGAW, D. D. Rector of *St. Paul's Church*, *Philadelphia*.

ROBERT BLACKWELL, Assistant Minister of *Christ Church* and *St. Peter's*, *Philadelphia*.

JOSEPH HUTCHINS, Rector of *St. James's*, *Lancaster*.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Rector of the Episcopal Churches of *York* and *Huntingdon*.

JOSEPH SWIFT, Deputy for *Christ Church*.

SAMUEL POWEL,

GERARDUS CLARKSON, } Deputies for *St. Peter's Church*.

PLUNKET FLEESON, }

JOHN WOOD, } Deputies for *St. Paul's Church*.

ANDREW DOZ,

EDWARD HAND, Deputy for the congregation of *St. James's*, *Lancaster*.

NICHOLAS JONES, Deputy for *St. Gabriel's*, *Morlattan*, *Berke*.

* The signing of those deputies who were sent to the Convention without written powers, was deferred until such powers can be procured.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Deputy for the congregations of York and Huntingden.

JOHN CROSBY, jun. }
JOHN SHAW, } Deputies for St. Paul's Church, Chester.

SUPPLEMENT

To the act of Association.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether, under the act of association, any alterations can be made in the Book of Common Prayer and the administration of the Sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, except such as became necessary in consequence of the late revolution—

It is therefore hereby determined and declared, That further alterations may be made by the Convention, constituted by the said act, provided only, that “the main body and essentials” be preserved, and alterations made in such forms only as the Church of *England* hath herself acknowledged to be indifferent and alterable.

And it is hereby further determined and declared, that the power given by this supplement to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, may by the said Convention be conveyed to a Convention of the said church in the United States, or in such states as are willing to unite in a constitution of ecclesiastical government, if the same shall be judged most conducive to charity and uniformity of worship.

Done in *Christ Church*, in the city of *Philadelphia*, this 27th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1786. Witness our hands, in ratification of the premises.

II.

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas by an act of association agreed to and adopted in convention on the 24th day of May, 1785, sundry of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within this commonwealth, were united under the name of “The Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania”—which association now embraces all those clergy and congregations who did at that time assent to, or have since assented to the same:

And whereas since that time, by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the United States, a Con-

stitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same, which recognize each state as constituting a district or diocese with the right to the Churches within the same to exercise a local government over themselves, which has been accordingly exercised by the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the state of Pennsylvania, associated as aforesaid; and it being now deemed expedient more expressly to set forth the system of local government to be exercised within this diocese, the following, with the act of association, is declared to be the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

1. This Church as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general constitution of that Church and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

2. There shall be a stated convention of the Church in this state, at Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in May, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding convention.

3. The bishop shall have power to call a special convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the standing committee: and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal chair, the standing committee shall have power to call a special convention.

4. The convention shall be composed both of clergymen and laymen. Every clergyman of the Church resident within the state, except such as are declared to be disqualified by the Canons of the General Convention, shall ex officio be a member of the convention; and each incorporated or otherwise regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese, now a party to the above stated act of association, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the convention, may send to the convention a deputy or deputies, not more than three—to be elected by the vestry of such church. Where two or more churches are united under one vestry, each church shall nevertheless be entitled to send deputies.

5. The bishop shall preside in the Convention—but in case of a vacancy or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

6. A secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual convention from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their Journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative to the concerns of the convention, which may be in his possession. Such other officers also shall be appointed as the Convention may find occasion for, to remain in office for such time as they may direct.

7. The clergy and lay deputies in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such a case the Convention shall vote as two distinct orders, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure—and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall be a quorum—and on every question the votes of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide.

8. The standing committee and council of advice shall consist of ten members, five clerical and five lay members. At their first meeting they shall elect one of their clerical members to be president, and another of their members to be secretary.—They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, may require a larger number. They may make rules of meeting and business, and alter or repeal them from time to time.

9. The election of a bishop of this diocese shall be made in Convention in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot some fit and qualified clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine a choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congre-

gations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

10. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: a proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next Convention; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

III.

CANONS.

THE CANONS OF 1795.

CANON I.

Of Presentments.

Every trial in this church for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment made, either by the convention, or by the vestry of the parish to which the accused party belongs, specifying the crime of which the party is accused.

CANON II.

Of Inquiries on Presentments.

Presentment for misbehaviour being made as aforesaid, the Bishop, with the consent of the Council of Advice, shall appoint a commissary, who shall repair to the church or parish where the abuse is said to have happened, and shall there, after summons of the parties, and the hearing of the witnesses, establish and authenticate all such facts as may be necessary to an investigation of the subject, reporting the same to the bishop; and the record shall be of full authority, unless error or mal-practice being proved, a new examination shall be ordered; and the testimony taken as aforesaid, shall be signed by the witnesses, and the whole record of proceedings by the commissary; and on the examination of any witness, a magistrate shall be requested to administer to him or her an oath or affirmation, if the accused party requires it.

CANON III.

Of Penalties.

The bishop, or any clergyman appointed by him, as a commissary, with assessors to be appointed, as in the next article, shall proceed to a full examination of the causes, and to a final sentence, which, in the case of a clergyman may be admonition, suspension or degradation; and in the case of either clergyman or layman, may be exclusion from the Holy Communion, or the disavowing of the party as any longer a member of this church. Provided that no sentence of degradation shall pass, otherwise than is ordered in the sixth article of the general Ecclesiastical Constitution. Provided further, that due notice of the time and place of trial be given to the party accused, who shall then and there attend, unless prevented by some reasonable cause, to be judged of by the bishop and assessors, in which case another notice shall be given as before, and the party accused be furnished with a copy of the charge, at least one month before the trial; and in failure of attendance, no sentence shall pass for any other crime than that of contumacy, which however shall subject him to the same penalties, as if the evil practice imputed to him had been proved.

CANON IV.

Of Assessors on Trials.

On the trial of a clergyman, there shall be four clergymen appointed by the bishop, with the knowledge and consent of the council of advice, out of which number, the party accused shall choose any two, as assessors; the whole number as above, having been convened on summons issued by a secretary, who shall be appointed by the Convention, and until such secretary be appointed; the secretary of the Convention shall serve in that capacity. In every decision, there shall be an agreement of the major number, of the Bishop, or Commissary, and the assessors, as to matter of fact; and sentence shall be given by the Bishop or Commissary, according to the Canons.

In the case of a layman, the proceedings shall be as above, only that there shall be in addition to the above clergymen, three lay assessors, the major part of whom shall find the facts, before any sentence shall be given; which three lay assessors shall be cho-

en by the party accused, out of six lay men of the congregation to which he belongs, who shall be summoned for the purpose, with the knowledge and consent of the council of advice.

CANON V.

Of the trial of a Bishop.

If the presentment be of any bishop of the church in this state, which shall only be by the Convention thereof, it shall be made to two or more bishops of this church, in any of the United States. Such bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the diocese of the accused bishop, and the sentence of the said two bishops, or the majority of a greater number, being declared to be grounded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final.

CANON VI.

Of the removal of Ministers from any state into this.

To qualify a clergyman coming into this state, from any of the states in the Union, to settle and officiate as a clergyman; it shall be necessary to obtain a licence thereunto, from the bishop: and to entitle him to such licence, he shall produce from the bishop, (or if there be no bishop, from the standing committee of the Convention of the state from which he removes,) a certificate of his good moral conduct, and orderly compliance with the institutions and government of the church, while in his or their district; and on such certificate being produced, the Bishop of the church in this state shall give, to the party, the licence required.

CANON VII.

Of the celebration of Marriages.

No minister of this Church shall celebrate any marriage without having as sufficient testimony, as the nature of the case admits, that there is no lawful impediment; and if there be any doubt in regard to either of the parties, as to his or her being of age or free; then there appearing to be a master or mistress, parent or guardian, shall make it necessary to have the consent of such master or mistress, parent or guardian. And if the minister be duly certified that there is no legal impediment, he then may, and, if either of the parties be of the congregation of the minister, it shall be his duty to join them in marriage.

THE CANON OF 1796.

Concerning misbehaviour of clergymen residing in another state.

If a clergyman residing in another state, shall come into this state, and act in open violation of the Canons, and on a representation being made thereof to the ecclesiastical authority in that state, it shall appear that the said clergyman is not considered as a member of that church; it shall, in such case, be the duty of the bishop of this state to give notice to the congregations belonging to his diocese or district, that such clergyman is not considered for the present as a clergyman of this church, and that his officiating in their churches is prohibited.

THE CANON OF 1797.

*On the general state of the church.**

THE CANON OF 1811.

A canon concerning presentments.†

THE CANONS OF 1812.

I.

A canon concerning lay assessors.

Whereas, in the case of trial, consequent on the presentation of a lay member of this church, the lay assessors required by the fourth canon of 1795 may not conveniently be obtained from the congregation of the accused party consistently with security for impartiality; the bishop, with the consent of the council of advice, if in their judgment the circumstances of the case shall so require, may summon lay assessors from any other congregation or congregations of this church, any thing to the contrary in the fourth Canon of 1795 notwithstanding.

II.

A canon concerning presentments.

Presentment may be made for misbehaviour, within this church; not only by the Convention, and by any vestry, as provided for in the first of the canons passed in 1795; but by any three

* This canon is now superceded by the canons of the general Convention.

† This canon has been repealed.

members of the church, being communicants, they pledging themselves to support the charge or charges by them exhibited: provided that the presentment and documents accompanying it be in writing, and be first laid before the bishop, and by him before the council of advice, with the names of the witnesses, and the points to which the proffered testimony applies; and provided also it be not rejected by the bishop, with the concurrence of the council as either futile in itself, or unsupported by the evidence. But the presentees, if trial should proceed, shall be at liberty to bring further evidence, and the Canon passed in 1811, is hereby repealed.

IV.

REGULATIONS, &c.

Adopted by the Convention at various sittings, and revised and confirmed by the Convention of 1814.

1. With respect to the delegation to the General Convention, if, at any time, any member or members appointed should decline, or, through some unavoidable circumstance, be unable to attend, on notice being given to the other members of the delegation, of the same order, they shall appoint, for the time being, a substitute or substitutes in his or their place.

2. The standing committee as appointed by the 8th article of the Constitution, shall be a council of advice, with whom the bishop may consult, in the execution of his office.

3. The secretary of the standing committee and council of advice is hereby directed to lay the minutes of the preceding year's business annually before the Convention.

4. It is recommended to the vestries of the several churches not incorporated, to apply to the judges of the supreme court, according to law, for charters of incorporation, which charters before they are presented to the judges, shall be laid before the bishop and his council of advice for approbation, and ought to be as nearly similar throughout the state, as local circumstances will admit.

5. The vestry of every congregation or Church now vacant, or unprovided with a minister, or such as shall hereafter become vacant, ought to have a standing subscription prepared, either in

cash or pew-rents, or partly in both, for a term of not less than three years, conditioned for a punctual payment of the same, to such minister as shall be duly elected and settled, according to the established rules of the several churches; and the profits and rents of glebes, where there are any, shall be applied only during a vacancy, to institute a capital fund, bearing interest for the use of the minister of such church for the time being, excepting only where the donor of such glebe, may have applied any part of the rents thereof to other pious purposes.

6. It is hereby declared that the African Church of St. Thomas, in the city of Philadelphia, is not entitled to send a clergyman or deputies to the Convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Episcopal Church, this condition being made, in consideration of their peculiar circumstances at present.

7. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Convention to give notice, in future, of the annual day of the Convention, to every clergyman of this church, within the state, and to add in each notice to every clergyman not residing in the city, that he is requested to give notice of the said annual day, not only to the wardens and vestrymen of his own congregation, but to those of every vacant congregation which may be in his vicinity; and the said duty is to be performed by the secretary, that the notices may be received at least one month before the annual day.

8. It is hereby declared, that if a bishop should be consecrated for any state to the westward, and it should be thought expedient that the churches of this state westward of the Alleghany mountains should be under the superintendence of the Bishop so contemplated, this convention consent to the same, on such terms as may be approved of by the Bishop and the council of advice of this church.

9. Whereas, it is a general opinion entertained by all true episcopalians, that the apostolic authority of the holy christian ministry, has been handed down by an uninterrupted succession of bishops in the church of God, it is but reasonable to expect that they should consider it as a duty incumbent on them, to use their best endeavours for the support of it: And whereas, a considerable donation has been left by the late Andrew Doz, Esqr. towards a fund for the support of a Bishop in the State of Penn-

sylvania, it is proposed that the Convention take order for completing the fund of which he has so generously laid the foundation.—Therefore resolved;

1. That, with the concurrence of the present venerable bishop, it be enjoined as the duty of every settled clergyman of this church, once in every year to preach a sermon on the apostolic succession, or on such other appropriate subject as to him shall seem best adapted to promote the important object in view.

2. That a contribution shall then be made by the congregation, for the sole and express purpose of making provision for supporting the episcopate in this state.

3. That the money so collected shall be forwarded to the treasurer, to be appointed by this convention, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular account of all the monies received, and to make a report to the annual convention of the church.

4. It shall be the duty of the said treasurer, to consult with the bishop and standing committee of the church, on the best mode of *securing* and making the *fund productive*.

5. That not only the money received from the collections after service, but the interest thereof, shall be kept together and made an increasing fund; until in the opinion of a future convention it shall be thought expedient to apply the proceeds thereof to the proposed object.

10. At the opening of every annual convention a sermon shall be delivered suitable to the occasion, by a clergyman appointed previously thereto: and this duty shall never be omitted except when the bishop shall deliver a charge: and notice of the said charge or sermon shall be given to every congregation in this city, on the Sunday previous to its being delivered.

11. It is the opinion of this convention that it will not be decorous in any clergyman to have his conventional sermon printed, unless the printing thereof be solicited by two thirds of the convention before whom such sermon is delivered.

12. The churches in this diocese shall annually contribute a certain sum for the purpose of defraying such expenses as the convention may incur, and for defraying the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention; and the said sum shall be raised according to the following ratio: each of the churches in the city of Philadelphia shall contribute twenty dollars; and all

the other congregations throughout the diocese, five dollars each, per annum.

13. The standing committee and council of advice are hereby authorized to consider of and direct proper measures for the vesting of the legacy of Andrew Dox, Esq. to the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his successors; who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese.

14. It is hereby declared that no certificate of the appointment of a delegate or of delegates to this convention, shall be valid, unless it is signed by a warden, or by two vestrymen.

15. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every convention the names of the clergy entitled to seats in the convention, shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence. And it is hereby required that those clergymen who continue absent, shall send to this convention their reasons for so doing. And it is hereby recommended, that inattention to this recommendation be made a cause of presentment at some future convention.

16. It is hereby recommended to the several congregations in the diocese, not to permit their respective houses of worship to be used for any secular object whatever.

17. In order to give effect to the fortieth canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each minister of this church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, and the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite was performed; which register he shall transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the vestry of each church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the communicants within his cure, as nearly as can be conveniently obtained.

18. Whereas it is determined by the constitution of the church in this diocese, that the day of Annual Convention may be appointed by that body from time to time; and whereas, since the change of the day of the General Convention, the distance of the same from the immediately precedent Convention of the Diocese is inconveniently great, the annual day of the latter Convention shall be from this time, the first Tuesday in May in every year: on which day no other business shall be transacted than the organizing of the body; so as that they may be ready for further transactions on the day succeeding; on the morning of which succeeding day, there shall be the service and sermon.

19. It shall be the duty of the secretary of this Convention, on the printing of any pastoral letter of the bishops in General Convention, to send a copy thereof to every clergyman in the diocese; and as many copies as the number in possession may afford, to the church-wardens of every congregation within the same: such copies to be for the perusal of the members of the respective congregations, under such reasonable regulations as circumstances may dictate.

Further, If any parochial minister should deem it to be expedient to read the pastoral letter to his congregation, the same may be done by him, at such time as shall be judged the most expedient.

V.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

VI.

List of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Pennsylvania.

The right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop.

The Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

Joseph Hatchins, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

James Abercrombie, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

William Ayres, residing in Philadelphia.

John Campbell, Rector of ———. Carlisle.

Joseph Turner, Rector of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

Slator Clay, Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen; St. Peter's, Great Valley, and St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh
Joseph Clarksoh, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's, Pequea, and Bangor Church, Carnarvon.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.

Robert Ayres, residing in Brownsville.

Francis Reno, officiating in the counties of Beaver, and Allegany.

Caleb Hopkins, Rector of Christ Church, Milton; Christ Church, Derry township; St. Paul's, Bloomtownship; and Christ Church, Turbit township; Northumberland county.

Apsalom Jones, (a black man) Rector of the African Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia.

John Taylor, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berk's county, and St. Mary's, Chester county.

John Armstrong, Rector of St. John's, York town.

Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. James's, Bristol.

Jehu Curtis Clay, Deacon officiating at St. David's, Radnor.

VII

List of the congregations in this diocese.

Christ Church,	}	Philadelphia.
St. Peter's,		
St. James's,		
St. Paul's,		
St. Thomas's.		

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

St. David's, Radnor township, Delaware county.

St. James's, Perkiomen.

St. Peter's, Great Valley, Chester county.

St. Thomas's, Whitemarsh.

St. James's, Lancaster.

St. John's, Pequea.

Bangor Church, Carnarvon.

Trinity Church, Oxford.

All Saints, Lower Dublin.

Christ Church, Derry township.

St. Paul's, Bloom township.

Christ Church, Milton.

Christ Church, Turbit township.

} Northumberland co.

St. Gabriel's Berk's county, Amity township.

St. Mary's, Chester county, Nantmeal township.

St. John's, York.

St. James's the Greater Bristol.

Carlisle.

Christ Church, Huntingdon township, Adams county.

Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

St. John's, New London, Cross roads.

St. John's, Concord

St. Paul's, Chester.

Brownsville Fayette county.

Allegany county.

Georgetown, Beaver county.

Germantown,

Norristown,

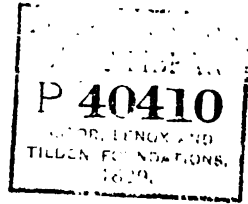
Pike township, Bradford co

*Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church
in Pennsylvania* } *In account with Plunket F. Glentworth, Cr.*

1813.	1814.			
Oct. 23.		To cash paid Wm. Fry, for printing		
1814.		29th Journal, - - - - -	25	41½
June 8.	June 7.	To do. Jacob Warren, his expenses to	15	
		the last General Convention, - - -		
		To do Rev. Levi Bull, his expenses to	10	
		the last General Convention, - - -		
		To do. Elijah Bowen, his account for at-		
		tendance on the General and State		
		Convention, - - - - -	10	
		Balance in Treasurer's hands, per contra,	159	58½
		\$	230	
		By contribution due 1813 and 1814, from		
		Trinity Church, Oxford, - - -		10
		Do. St. Gabriel's, Berks, - - -		10
		Do. St. Mary's, Chester county, - -		10
		Do. St. Peter's, Valley, - - -		10
		Do. St. James', Perkiomen, - - -		10
		Do. Christ Church, Philad. - - -		40
		Do. St. Peter's, do. - - -		40
		Do. St. James', do. - - -		40
		Do. St. Paul's, do. - - -		40
		Do. for 1813, St. John's, York. - -		5
		Do. All Saints, Lower Dublin, - -		5
		\$	220	
		By balance, - - - - -		169
		Errors excepted,		58½
		P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.		

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IN THE

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**HELD IN ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
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MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY:

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LAY DELEGATES.

From Christ Church, Philadelphia,

St. Peter's, Philadelphia,

St. James's, do.

St. Paul's, do.

St. Mary's, Chester county,

St. Gabriel's, Berks county,

Trinity Church, Oxford,

St. John's, Norristown,

St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,

St. John's, Concord,

St. James's, Bristol,

St. David's, Radnor,

All Saints, Lower Dublin,

St. James's, Perkiomen,

Henry Pratt,

William Murdock,

Lewis Neill,

Daniel Smith,

Joseph Sims,

Thomas M'Euen,

Richard Dale,

John Markland,

P. F. Glentworth,

Walter Kerr,

John Claxton,

Matthias Kaler,

James Richards,

David Jones,

Jacob Warren,

Sereck Fox,

John Lardner,

Levi Pauling,

John Taylor, jun.

John Peirce,

John M'Elroy,

Joseph King,

Philip Sheaff,

John Brooke,

Joseph Ashton,

John Shannon, jun.

The following clergymen were absent from this Convention: the Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D.; the Rev. William Ayres; the Rev. John Campbell; the Rev. Joseph Clarkson; the Rev. Robert Ayres; the Rev. Francis Reno; the Rev. Caleb Hopkins, and the Rev. John Taylor.

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MAY 2d, 1815.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Convention, and several clerical and lay members being assembled in St. James's Church, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the bishop took the chair, and the Convention was organized. The Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen secretary.

According to the 15th regulation, the list of the clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over, when it appeared that the following were present: the Right Rev. William White, D. D.; the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.; the Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.; the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.; the Rev. Frederic Beasley, D. D.; the Rev. James Wiltbank; the Rev. John Armstrong; the Rev. Jackson Kemper; the Rev. Richard D. Hall, and the Rev. James Milnor.

The following lay delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted to seats: Henry Pratt, William Murdock, and Lewis Neill from Christ Church, Philadelphia; Daniel Smith and Joseph Sims from St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; Thomas M'Euen, Richard Dale, and John Markland from St. James's Church, Philadelphia; Dr. Glentworth and Walter Kerr from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; Matthias Kaler and James Richards from St. Mary's, Chester county; David Jones and Jacob Warren from St. Gabriel's, Amity township, Berks county; and Sereck Fox from Trinity Church, Oxford.

It being stated that a congregation has been formed and incorporated, and a Church erected and consecrated at Norristown, Montgomery county, by the name of St. John's Church; Levi Pauling, esq. was received as a delegate from said congregation.

The following clergymen were absent: the Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D.; the Rev. William Ayres; the Rev. John Campbell; the Rev. Joseph Turner; the Rev. Slator Clay; the Rev. Joseph Clarkson; the Rev. Robert Ayres; the Rev. Francis Reno;

the Rev. Caleb Hopkins; the Rev. John Taylor; the Rev. Levi Bull; and the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday morning, 3d of May, 1815.

DIVINE SERVICE was celebrated by the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Beasley.

All the members who appeared yesterday were present to-day, except Dr. Blackwell. The Rev. Levi Bull, the Rev. Siator Clay, the Rev. Joseph Turner, and the Rev. Jehu C. Clay were likewise present. The following lay delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted to seats: Mr. Claxton from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; John Taylor, jun. from St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; John Peirce from St. John's, Concord; John McElroy and Joseph King from St. James the Greater's, Bristol; Philip Sheaff and John Brooke from St. David's, Radnor; John Lardner from Trinity Church, Oxford; Joseph Ashton from All Saints', Lower Dublin; and John Shannon, jun. from St. James's, Perkiomen.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention of 1804, the bishop delivered the following address:

My brethren, the clergy and the lay deputies of this Convention;

What I have to lay before you, or that can properly be brought within the compass of this address, consists of very few articles.

I have not made any visits for the purpose of confirmation, beyond the limits of the city, except at Germantown, where I preached and confirmed on the 13th of November. No invitations to the same effect, have come to me from my brethren of the clergy. This may have been owing to the unsettled state of the whole country, during the last summer; when a great proportion of the inhabitants were called from their homes into the field. That no incitements to the work came from me, was owing to the expectation in which I was delayed during the whole season, of meeting some of my episcopal brethren for the consecration of a

suffragan bishop for the diocese of Maryland. Much correspondence was necessary for the accomplishment of this design; chiefly, on account of the difficulty of fixing on a time, when it would be convenient for three bishops to assemble. Hence it happened, owing to interfering engagements of my brethren, that the measure was delayed to the beginning of September.

On the 1st of that month, in the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey, there took place the consecration of the Right Rev. Dr. James Kemp, which I mention with satisfaction, as well because of my respect for him, grounded on an acquaintance of many years, as in consideration of the addition which it brings to the prospect of perpetuating the American episcopacy.

The Rev. Mr. Turner has resigned the charge of the Church at Marcus Hook. His advanced age and the distance from his home, are his reasons for declining any further pastoral connexion with a people, to whom he is very dear; and whom he has served for many years on the most disinterested terms. I understand from him, that until they shall have obtained another pastor, he proposes to visit them occasionally, as health and circumstances may permit.

Our ministry has been increased by the addition of the Rev. James Milnor to the clergy of the three Churches, in parochial union, in the city. Before his election to that charge, he was ordained to the office of deacon: and this is the only ordination performed by me during the last year.

On the 6th of the present month, I had the satisfaction of consecrating a new Church at Norristown. The size and the beauty of the building does great credit to the zeal of the few members of our communion, resident in that small town and its vicinity; and will doubtless be duly estimated by this body.

It will also be agreeable to them to learn, that during the last summer, there was made another missionary tour, under the auspices of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, by the Rev. Mr. Kemper; much to the satisfaction of the neighbourhoods visited, and of the Society, as may be seen in their report. In very many places within this state, there are a few families of our communion, to whom it is impossible to extend the enjoy-

ments of public worship, on the plan the most agreeable to them; except in proportion as such a society shall be provided with the means of carrying on its labours. This is mentioned with the view of inviting the clerical and lay members of this Convention to assist the good design, by means of contributions within their respective bounds.

It will not be an improper occasion to call the attention of my reverend brethren to the circumstance, that there has lately gone forth among persons of different religious persuasions, and in various sections of the union, and I thank God that our communion is not a stranger to the salutary influence, a spirit of seriousness and of inquiry on religious subjects. The fact is here noticed, as a ground of exhortation to the improvement of it. Let me not be understood to represent what may be accomplished at such a crisis, as the measure of ministerial usefulness. The seed of the Gospel often falls with an effect, unknown to him by whose hand it was distributed: and it occasionally happens to a minister of the Gospel, to be accidentally informed after a lapse of years, of impressions formerly made by him on the hearts of hearers. Thus it is; that the Church feels the effect of the property stamped on it by its Divine Founder, when he compared himself, and impliedly every minister acting under his commission faithfully, to a man sowing seed, which should "spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." But it sometimes happens, that an extraordinary degree of susceptibility is conspicuous; and it is truly astonishing, that the occasional recurrence of this fact has not convinced the partisans of a false philosophy, of the error and the impotency involved in every scheme for the improvement of the condition of mankind, bottomed on the presumption of there not being a powerful operation of the religious principle in all possible states of society; and of there not being designed by the Creator its weighty bearing on them.

While our knowledge of human nature may suggest to us the preceding consideration, our office of the Christian ministry should incite us to improve such opportunities as have been adverted to, for the enlarging of the fold, and the increasing of the flock of Christ. If we are instructed by St. James, in a pertinent

allegory, "that the spiritual husbandman, having lodged the seed of his instructions, is to wait for the early and the latter rain of divine grace;" his patience may be supposed to have acquired additional motive, and his solicitude to be much increased, when, agreeably to a metaphor of our Lord himself, "the fields are white to harvest."

Let not your bishop be understood, as holding out more splendid prospects on the present subject, than can be warranted by experience. He has witnessed too many similar occasions, to depend on fruits commensurate with what passes before the world. It has happened that much animal sensibility, after having deluded in the shape of ardent piety, has sunk into indifference; and that much of faulty passion, after sheltering itself under the cover of apparently religious zeal, has stood confessed in its own odious colours before the world: and each of these cases has been a soil very fruitful of subsequent impiety in some, of pharisaical ostentation in others, and of unconquerable infidelity in not a few. These things prove the more forcibly the urgent call for ministers at once faithful and intelligent—such as were in the contemplation of our Saviour, when he compared them to an "householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasures things new and old."

There may be stated in few words, the course of conduct here thought proper to be pursued in such an exigency. It is, in regard to the beginnings of such sensibility, to distinguish between a sense of the evil of sinful nature and practice, and the imagination set at work by feelings, produced under the influence of sympathy and of mechanical action, on the nervous system; between comfortable frames, dependent on the state of the blood and of the humours, and even of the atmosphere, and religious affections permanently characteristic of the renovation of the heart; and a sanctimonious but barren profession, and "the fruits of the spirit," said to be "in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth."

You will not expect, my reverend brethren, that the subject should be gone into largely: and it has been adverted to, solely with the view of directing your attention and my own to events passing before our eyes, and not to be left unimproved by us to the glory of God, and the salvation of our fellow-men.

In proportion as we contemplate this field of labour, we may deplore the case of every clergyman, who, from the want of an interest taken in the duties of his profession, is disqualified for usefulness in the cases of mental embarrassment, which will occasionally be brought before him, and of every one, whose errors or whose ignorance may lay the foundation, in the minds of any, of a dangerous self-deception; or of an open turning back unto perdition.

I conclude with tendering my wishes and my prayers, that what has been referred to may be improved by us in such a manner, as may be recollected during our future ministry with satisfaction, and as we may answer to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

WILLIAM WHITE.

May 3, 1815.

CONFIRMATIONS IN 1814.

In the city,	-	-	-	-	-	137
In Germantown,	-	-	-	-	-	18
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The Rev. James Milner, from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, presented to the members of the Convention copies of the last annual report of said society.

On motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to examine the last Journal, in order to bring before this Convention the business, if any, that remained unfinished.

The Rev. Mr. Milnor and Dr. Glentworth were appointed a committee to carry the above resolution into effect.

The Rev. Dr. Abercrombie requested and obtained permission to withdraw.

The secretary reported, that, in obedience to a resolution of the last Convention, complete sets of the Journals, together with the three pastoral letters of the house of bishops, bound in the same volume, were ready for delivery to the church-wardens of every congregation within the diocese.

The Convention was informed, that "the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion

of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," had lately been revived, and was now ready to receive the contributions of the clergy.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following parochial reports were read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:

Report from the Parish and Church of St. James, the Greater, Bristol, from Convention of 1814 to Convention of 1815, by the Rev. Richard D. Hall, rector.

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	25	
children,	-	-	-	58	Total 83
Communicants deceased,	-	-	-	1	
added,	-	-	-	22	Total 112
Marriages,	-	-	-	6	
Burials,	-	-	-	17	

Since the last report, there has been a gracious increase of vital piety in the parish. A religious concern is spreading more extensively; and the most pleasing hopes are entertained that, in this part of our episcopal Zion, "greater things will be seen than those which have already come to pass."

Report from St. John's Church, Norristown, by the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay.

Since the sitting of the last Convention, a large and elegant Church has been completed and consecrated at Norristown. In this place, where, for many years, the episcopal religion was at a low ebb, a bright prospect has opened upon the Church. From the facility with which the pews have been disposed of, and from the growing attention paid to the duty of public worship, there is ground to believe that in this place, the Church has received a valuable acquisition.

Report from the Congregation at Germantown.

Communicants,	-	-	-	15	
				Jehu C. Clay, Minister.	

Report of the United Churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, and St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Marriages,	-	-	-	-	41
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	228
Burials,	-	-	-	-	130
Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	325

WILLIAM WHITE, *Rector*,

Report of St. John's Church, Yorktown.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	38
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	12
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	8

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Rector*,

Report of Trinity and All Saints.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	20
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	4
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	55

JAMES WILTBank, *Rector*,

Return of St. Mary's Church.

Baptisms, adults 12, children 22,	-	-	-	-	34
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	18
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	90
Funerals, about	-	-	-	-	10

LEVI BULL, *Rector*,

Report of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	20
Baptisms, 4 children, 5 adults,	-	-	-	-	9
Burials,	-	-	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	0

JOSEPH TURNER, *Rector*,

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks county.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	103
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	17
Burials,	-	-	-	-	4

Taken from the register, by NICHOLAS JONES, Clerk.

Report of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	87
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	78
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	215
Burials,	-	-	-	-	44

JOSEPH PILMORE, Rector.

Parochial Report from St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. John's, Piquette; and Banger Church, Churehtown.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	51
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	60
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	30
Burials,	-	-	-	-	15

JOSEPH CLARKSON, Rector.

The committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention reported, that there was no unfinished business remaining upon it.

The treasurer presented a bill for stationary, &c., for the use of the late General Convention held in this city, which was ordered to be paid out of the funds of the Convention.

The delegate from St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, stated to the Convention, that the Rev. Mr. Turner intended to relinquish in a very short time his pastoral care over that Church, and hoped that the congregation might occasionally be favoured with visits from the clergy.

The minutes of the standing committee and council of advice were read by the secretary.

On motion, adjourned to meet this afternoon at three o'clock.

Wednesday afternoon.

Met according to adjournment.

Present of the clergy: the bishop; the Rev. Drs. Pilmore, Abercrombie, and Beasley; and the Rev. Messrs. Slator Clay,

Turner, Wiltbank, Armstrong, Bull, Kemper, Hall, Jehu C. Clay, and Milnor. Of the laity: Messrs. Lardner, Neill, Dale, Markland, Smith, M'Euen, Kaler, Pauling, Kerr, M'Elroy, Warren, Glentworth, Taylor, King, Richards, Jones, and Shannon.

On motion resolved, that hereafter the holy communion be administered at the opening of every annual Convention.

The above resolution is adopted as the 20th regulation.

On motion resolved, that the thanks of this Convention be preferred to the Rev. Dr. Beasley, for his impressive and instructive discourse delivered before them this morning.

On motion resolved, that in order to revive the decaying interests of our Churches in the vicinity of Philadelphia, the bishop be requested to endeavour to obtain missionaries to supply the vacant Churches, so that each of them shall have administered to them the word of salvation and the holy sacraments four times a year; and as much oftener as shall be practicable.

Dr. Glentworth was re-appointed treasurer of the Convention.

The following persons were appointed deputies to the General Convention:

Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Pilmore,
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Mr. Bull,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,

Laity.

Thomas M'Euen, esq.
Richard Dale, esq.
John M'Elroy, esq.
Dr. Glentworth.

The following persons were elected members of the standing committee and council of advice, until the next annual Convention:

Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell;
Rev. Dr. Pilmore,
Rev. Mr. Turner,
Rev. Mr. Wiltbank,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,

Laity.

Henry Pratt, esq.
Dr. Glentworth,
Richard Dale, esq.
Thomas M'Euen, esq.
John B. Wallace, esq.

The convention adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in May next, at five o'clock, P. M. in St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary.*

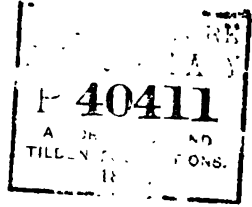
*Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church } In account with P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.
of Pennsylvania,*

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Dr. Episcopate Fund of Pennsylvania, in account with Plunket F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.

1815. May 27.	To cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale, and Davidson, for \$609 62 cents, 6 per cent. stock; at 96 per cent. in the name of Plunket F. Glentworth, Thomas Champion, and The- mas McEuen in trust, - -		1815. April 1.	By this sum received, being nine months' interest to this date on certificates of \$850 and \$869 14 cents of United States 6 per cent. stock, - - - By a collection at Christ Church, Philad. 30th ult.	77	34
				Do.	140	30
		\$ 585 23		St. Peter's, do.	110	68
				Do. St. James's, do.	165	76
				Do. St. Paul's, do.	50	
				Do. St. Gabriel's, Berks co.	20	50
				Do. St. Mary's, Chester co.	8	
				Do. Trinity, Oxford, -	6	65
				Do. St. James's, Pepkiomen,	6	
				Europe accepted,		
		\$ 585 23		P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.	\$ 585	23

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OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

**HELD IN ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH
DAYS OF MAY, 1816.**

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1816.



MEMBERS PRESENT.

CLERGY:

THE Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop, and Rector of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D., residing in Philadelphia.

James Abercrombie, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

Frederic Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Turner, residing in Southwark, Philadelphia.

Slator Clay, Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen; and St. Peter's, Great Valley.

Joseph Clarkson, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster; St. John's, Pequea; and Bangor Church, Churchtown.

James Wiltbank, residing in Philadelphia.

Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks county; and St. Mary's, Chester county.

Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. James's, Bristol.

James Milnor, Assistant Minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Jehu Curtis Clay, Rector of St. John's, Norristown.

George Boyd, Rector of St. John's, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

George Sheets, Deacon.

LAY DELEGATES.

From St. Peter's Church, Great Valley,	Col. Cromwell Pearce,
Trinity Church, Oxford,	Abraham Duffield,
	Serick Fox,
Christ-Church, Philadelphia,	Lewis Neill,
	Henry Pratt,
	William Tilghman,
St. Peter's, do.	William Meredith,
	Horace Binney,
St. James's, do.	Thomas M'Euen,
	Richard Dale,
	John Read, jun.
St. Mary's, Chester county,	Matthias Kaler,
	Col. Thomas Bull,
St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	P. F. Glentworth,
	Walter Kerr,
	T. Palmer,
St. Gabriel's, Berks county,	Thomas P. May,
	Jonathan Jones,
St. James's, Bristol,	John M'Elroy,
	Joseph King,
St. John's, Norristown,	Francis Swaine,
	Daniel St. Clair,
St. John's, Concord,	John Peirce,
St. James's, Perkiomen,	Samuel Bard,
	John Shannon, jun.
St. John's, Northern Liberties, Phila.	Edward D. Corfield,
	Turner Camac,
	Charles Wheeler,
St. Paul's, Chester,	George B. Lownes,
All Saints, Lower Dublin,	George Breck.

The following clergymen belonging to the Convention were absent: the Rev. William Ayres; the Rev. John Campbell; the Rev. Robert Ayres; the Rev. Francis Reno; the Rev. Caleb Hopkins, the Rev. John Taylor; the Rev. John Armstrong; and the Rev. Samuel Phinney.

JOURNAL, &c.

MAY 7th, 1815.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution for the meeting of the Convention, and several clerical and lay members being assembled in St. James's Church, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, the bishop took the chair, and the Convention was organized.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper was chosen secretary.

According to the 15th regulation, the list of the clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over, when it appeared that the following were present: the Right Rev. Bishop White, D. D.; the Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.; the Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.; the Rev. Frederic Beasley, D. D.; the Rev. Joseph Turner; the Rev. Joseph Clarkson; the Rev. James Wiltbank; the Rev. Levi Bull; the Rev. Jackson Kemper; the Rev. Richard D. Hall; the Rev. James Milnor, and the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay.

The following lay delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted to seats: Col. Cromwell Pearce from St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley; Mr. Abraham Duffield and Mr. Sereck Fox from Trinity Church, Oxford; Lewis Neill and Henry Pratt from Christ-Church, Philadelphia; William Meredith and Horace Binney from St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; Thomas M'Euen, Richard Dale, and John Read, jun. from St. James's Church, Philadelphia; Matthias Kaler, esq. and col. Thomas Bull from St. Mary's Church, Chester county; Dr. Glentworth, Mr. Kerr, and Mr. T. Palmer from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; Thomas P. May and Jonathan Jones from St. Gabriel's Church, Berks county; John M'Elroy from St. James's Church, Bristol; Francis Swaine and Daniel St. Clair from St. John's Church Norristown; John Peirce from St. John's Church, Concord; and Samuel Bard from St. James's Church, Perkiomena.

The following certificate was presented and read; after which, on motion, resolved, That St. John's Church, in the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia, be received into connexion with the Churches of this Convention.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania, held in St. James's Church in the city of Philadelphia, on the 7th day of May, 1816:

I do hereby certify, that a new Church has been organized and incorporated in the township of the Northern Liberties, by the name and style of "The Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. John's Church in the township of the Northern Liberties, in the county of Philadelphia," agreeably to the forms and usages of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

GEO. BOYD, *Rector.*

Philadelphia, May 8th, 1816.

Edward D. Corfield, Turner Camac, and Charles Wheeler presented testimonials of their appointment as lay delegates from St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, and were admitted to seats.

The Rev. Joseph Clarkson assigned an excuse for his absence from the last Convention, which was deemed satisfactory, and accepted.

On motion resolved, That clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, not members of this Convention; and candidates of divinity in the same Church, be admitted to the sittings of this body.

The Rev. Mr. Pryce and the Rev. Mr. Wickes, from the state of Delaware, were present.

The following clergymen, belonging to the Convention, were absent: the Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.; the Rev. William Ayres; the Rev. John Campbell; the Rev. Slator Clay; the Rev. Robert Ayres; the Rev. Francis Reno; the Rev. Caleb Hopkins; the Rev. John Taylor; the Rev. John Armstrong, and the Rev. Samuel Phinney.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Wednesday morning, 8th of May, 1816. 10 o'clock, A. M.

DIVINE SERVICE was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Wickes of Delaware, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Slator Clay. After which, Mr. George Sheets was admitted to the holy order of deacons, and the communion administered to the clerical and lay members of the Convention.

Public worship being over, the business of the Convention was commenced.

The Rev. Dr. Pilmore and the Rev. Mr. Slator Clay who were absent yesterday, appeared and took their seats. The bishop stated that the Rev. George Boyd was now residing in the diocese, both he and the Rev. Mr. Sheets, who had just been ordained, likewise took their seats.

George B. Lownes from St. Paul's Church, Chester; John Shannon, jun. from St. James's Church, Perkiomen; George Breck from All Saints', Lower Dublin; and the hon. chief justice Tilghman from Christ Church, Philadelphia, presented testimonials of their appointment as lay delegates, and were admitted to seats.

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, the bishop delivered the following address:

My brethren, the clergy and the lay deputies of this Convention;

Agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention, I embrace the opportunity of making known to you the following occurrences in the Church of this diocese, since the last annual time of your being assembled.

On the 22d of October, I held a confirmation and preached twice in St. John's Church, Norristown. Having occasion to visit that Church again, although for a different purpose, to be hereafter noticed, I held a confirmation therein and preached.

On the 28th of last month, I held a confirmation and preached twice in St. James's Church, Bristol.

On the 27th of August, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. James Milnor of this city. On the 25th of February, I ordained to the holy office of deacons, Samuel Phinney of Luzerne county in this state. On the 31st day of March, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay, in his own Church

at Norristown; and on the 7th of April, I ordained to the same holy office, the Rev. George Boyd of this state, formerly of the diocess of New York, wherein he had been ordained a deacon.

The Rev. James Wiltbank has recently resigned his charge of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints' Church, Pequeston: and the Rev. George Boyd has accepted the charge of a congregation lately formed in the Northern Liberties of this city, for whose use there has been erected a building to be called St. John's Church, but not yet consecrated or finished.

It cannot be uninteresting to the Church in any state, that on the 12th of November, there was consecrated to the office of bishop for the diocess of New Jersey, the Rev. John Croes of New-Brunswick in that state. Although there is thus an accession to the episcopal body, it has sustained the loss of two of its members—bishop Provoost and bishop Moore of New York. While the decrease of the former excites in the mind of your bishop sensibilities suited to the remembrance of their past association in the business of obtaining the episcopacy from the mother Church, he is aware, that it ought to remind him of his advance to the end of all temporal cares and labours.

The names of candidates, recorded within the year on the minutes of the standing committee, are Jacob Morgan Douglas, William Augustus Muhlenberg, Charles Dupuy, Richard Mason, Thomas P. May, Joseph R. Walker, and Thomas Breintnall.

In the course of the last summer, the Rev. Dr. Hutchins left this state; perhaps to reside, during the remainder of his life, in his native island of Barbadoes. Although he possessed no parochial charge among us, for some years past, yet, his having been a member of this body, renders it proper that there should be here noticed his withdrawing from it. This is done, with feelings excited by the remembrance of an association in studies, at a very early period of our lives; and of an uninterrupted series of mutual esteem, during the long tract of time which has intervened.

It is painful to inform this assembly, that owing to disappointments in sundry instances of reasonable expectation of success, the Society for the Advancement of Christianity did not send any clergyman on a missionary tour, as in each of the three preceding years. They have, however, applied a considerable pro-

portion of their income to the printing and the distributing of Tracts. In the doing of this, the necessities of our distant brethren have been especially attended to. And there having been ordained the Rev. Samuel Phinney, as already noticed, his place of residence pointed him out as a proper person for the gathering of congregations, however small, within a convenient district. Under the expectation of his being useful in this line, the society have granted to him a moderate salary for one year.

It will not be inconsistent with regard to the expected utility of the society already noticed, to recommend the promoting of the object of another society, with its auxiliary societies and associations instituted for the gratuitous distribution of the Bible. This being a line of exertion, in which there may be the concurrence of different religious communions, without the surrender of any of their respective tenets; it has seemed to me, that besides the immense benefit professedly in contemplation, there is opened a favourable opportunity of promoting Christian benevolence under different forms of profession. There is the greater satisfaction in this prospect, on account of the opinion by me uniformly entertained, professed, and acted on, that in the public exercises of prayer and preaching, it is essential not only to the integrity of our system, but to the preservation of peace and to the cultivating of liberality of sentiment, to maintain a severance between our Church and those who differ from us in doctrine, or in modes of worship, or in discipline. On this ground, and on this only, we shall avoid the evils which result from conflicting passions and opinions.

There may be use in repeating the information given in the address of the last year, of the revival of the fund for the support of the widows and the children of deceased clergymen. Experience of past benefit justifies a strong recommendation to the younger clergy in particular, to avail themselves of this alleviation of possible distress in future. If the provision is small in itself, it is not so in comparison with the consideration to be paid for it: and it has the recommendation of being a fair purchase, to which the claimants will have become entitled by their economy.

At the last general Convention, it was "referred to the bishops, and, in those diocesses in which there are no bishops, to the

standing committees therein, to inquire in the respective diocesses or states, and to consider for themselves, concerning the expediency of establishing a theological seminary, to be conducted under the general authority of this Church; and to report to the next General Convention."

The above reference is now brought into view, in order to draw to it the attention of the clergy and others of this diocess. It is believed, to have been in a degree an object in some of the diocesses, especially those, wherein a concentration of clergymen has enabled them to combine their efforts for the preparing of young men for the ministry. But whether separate associations of this sort shall be encouraged to provide themselves with funds for the endowing of schools under their ecclesiastical authorities respectively, or there should rather be efforts made for the obtaining of an aggregate fund for a seminary in some central spot, will probably be a matter of serious consideration at the next General Convention: at which those who may attend from this diocess, should be prepared to express the sentiments of their constituents.

It will not be improper to mention to this Convention, as to the last, the agreeable subject of an increased attention to religious inquiries and religious exercises throughout the union. My reverend brethren will not think it an unsuitable topic from which to argue, both to them and to myself, that while it is an encouragement of our zeal and of our endeavours, it will render more visible and more inexcusable the indifference of any of us to the holy cause, to which we have pledged our talents and our time: and especially, any thing in life and conversation, which may bring dishonour on it.

WILLIAM WHITE.

CONFIRMATIONS IN 1815.

In the city,	- - - - -	171
In St. John's Church, Norristown,	- - - - -	16

The Journal of the Convention of last year was read.

On motion resolved, that Dr. Beasley, Dr. Glentworth, and the Rev. Mr. Turner be a committee to examine the Journal of last year, and report the unfinished business, if any.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Milnor, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the Rev. Mr. S. Clay for his impressive and instructive sermon of this morning.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following parochial reports were read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:

Report of the United Churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church, and St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, - - - -	183
Funerals, - - - -	113
Marriages, - - - -	67
Communicants, about - - - -	400

WILLIAM WHITE, Rector.

The annual account of the parish of St. Paul's in Philadelphia.

Baptisms, - - - -	102
Communicants, about - - - -	220
Marriages, - - - -	88
Funerals, - - - -	53

Taken from the registers of the Church,

JOSEPH PILMORE.

From Trinity and All Saints Churches.

Baptisms, - - - -	20
Marriages, - - - -	6
Funerals, - - - -	7
Communicants, - - - -	55

J. WILTBANK, late Rector.

Report from St. John's Church, Norristown.

Baptisms, adults, - - - -	7
infants, - - - -	34
Communicants, - - - -	11
Marriages, - - - -	2
Burials, - - - -	7

JEHU CURTIS CLAY, Rector.

*Report from St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. John's, Pequea;
and Bangor Church, Churchtown.*

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	13
children,	-	-	-	90
Communicants, about	-	-	-	60
Marriages,	-	-	-	33
Burials,	-	-	-	20

JOSEPH CLARKSON, *Rector.*

*Report from the Parish and Church of St. James, the Greater,
Bristol, from Convention of 1815 to 1816, by the Rev. Richard
D. Hall, rector.*

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	16
children,	-	-	-	17 Total 33
Communicants, deceased,	-	-	-	2
added,	-	-	-	28 Total 140
Marriages,	-	-	-	11
Burials,	-	-	-	19

The rector is happy to inform the Convention, that the condition of this Church is improving still—that the interest taken in the concerns of religion increases in a gradual and steady step, warranting the most pleasing hope that vital godliness will prevail more generally than it has hitherto done.—Since the last report, eight families have been added to the congregation.

*Report from St. Gabriel's Church, Amity township, Berks county.
Rev. Levi Bull, rector.*

Communicants,	-	-	-	139
Marriages,	-	-	-	6
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	28
infants,	-	-	-	27
Burials,	-	-	-	5

Taken from the register, by NICHOLAS JONES, *Clerk.*

Report from St. Mary's Church, Chester county.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	7
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	25
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	95
Funerals—no return.					

LEVI BULL, Rector.

Parish of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties. George Boyd, rector.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	25
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	-	-	2
children,	-	-	-	-	10
Marriages, -	-	-	-	-	5
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	3

Return from St. Thomas's, Absalom Jones, rector,

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	32
Burials,	-	-	-	-	28
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	42
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	103

The committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention reported, that there appeared to be no unfinished business, but suggested that inquiries should be made relative to the manner in which the resolution about supplying the vacant Churches had been complied with.

The bishop stated in general terms, that the vacant congregations had been supplied so far as it had been practicable.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Beasley, resolved, that a committee be appointed by this Convention, of which the bishop ex-officio, shall be president, to take into consideration the subject alluded to by the bishop, in his annual report, of founding a theological seminary in this state.

Resolved, that it shall be the business of this committee, which shall consist of five members of the episcopal Church, three clergymen and two laymen, to ascertain whether there be any monies which, at this time may be appropriated to this pur-

pose, to devise the best mode of raising the funds necessary to carry this measure into effect, to propose a plan upon which the abovementioned seminary can be instituted, and to make report of the same to this Convention at their next sitting.

The Rev. Dr. Beasley, the Rev. Dr. Blackwell, the Rev. Mr. Milnor, chief justice William Tilghman, and William Meredith, esq. were appointed to carry the above resolutions into effect.

Adjourned to meet in the afternoon at five o'clock, P. M.

5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met.

Joseph King, a delegate from St. James's, Bristol, appeared and took his seat.

The minutes of the standing committee were read by the secretary.

The treasurer made his reports.

On motion of William Meredith, esq. the following declaration was unanimously adopted.

Whereas the bequest of the late Andrew Doz, esquire, to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and his successors, is, by the terms thereof given to such bishop, "who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese,"—and

Whereas, in pursuance of certain resolutions adopted by the Convention on the 26th May, 1806, and confirmed by the Convention of 1814, a considerable sum of money has been contributed by the members of the Churches of this state, eastward of the Alleghany mountains, "for completing the fund of which he *had* so liberally laid the *foundation*;"

And whereas it was intended, and is implied by the said resolutions, although not so expressed, that the money so raised, and to be raised, shall, when in the opinion of a future Convention it shall be thought expedient, be applied to the same purpose which was contemplated by the donor of the foundation of the fund, of which it forms a part,—and it is expedient to prevent any misapprehension which a change of circumstances might give rise to on this subject;

It is therefore hereby declared, that the sums of money heretofore raised, and all such as shall hereafter be raised by virtue

and in pursuance of the resolutions beforementioned, shall be exclusively appropriated to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and his successors, "who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese."

On motion resolved, that a description of the ground-rents, &c. belonging to "the legacy of Andrew Doz, esq. to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese," be inserted on the journal of this Convention, from the minutes of the standing committee.

The description is as follows:

1. A rent charge of one hundred and forty-four dollars per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of August and February, upon a lot marked in the general plan of city lots, 1994, situated at the south side of High or Market street, at the distance of 240 feet from the east side of Thirteenth-street from the river Delaware, containing in breadth, east and west, on said High or Market-street 24 feet, and in length or depth 180 feet;—being the same lot of ground which the supreme executive council of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by patent 5th January, 1787, granted to John Guier in fee simple, who conveyed it to Nathaniel Norgrave on the first day of August, 1807, subject to the payment of the above said rent.

On the 24th day of July, 1809, John Guier and wife conveyed the said rent to the trustees.

2. A rent charge of twenty-four dollars per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of May and November, upon a lot of ground situated on the north side of Federal-street, and on the south side of Prime-street, between Front and Second-streets in the district of Southwark, containing in breadth on Federal-street 18 feet, and on Prime-street about 18 feet 3 inches; and in length on the west side thereof about 118 feet 10 inches, and on the east side thereof about 114 feet 9 inches, granted by William Allen and John Allen to Joseph De Bender, by deed dated the first day of May, 1804, reserving the above rent, which rent was conveyed by Messrs. Allen to John H. Brinton, esq. and others, by deed dated 23d December, 1808, and by John H. Brinton and others to the trustees, on the 10th day of February, 1812.

3. A bond given by the late Rev. Dr. Samuel Magaw for five hundred pounds, secured by a mortgage of 18 acres of land, situated in Penn township in the west Northern Liberties. The above bond is assigned by the trustees of the late Andrew Doz's estate to the trustees appointed by the standing committee.

On motion resolved, that the standing committee be authorized to supply any vacancy that may occur in their body. The members of the same order in which the vacancy occurs, shall supply the place.

The following persons were appointed deputies to the General Convention:

Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Dr. Beasley,
Rev. Mr. Milnor,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,

Laity.

Thomas M'Euen, esq.
Dr. P. F. Glentworth.
Horace Binney, esq.
Levi Pauling, esq.

The following persons were elected members of the standing committee and council of advice:

Clergy.

Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,
Rev. Dr. Beasley,
Rev. Mr. Turner,
Rev. Mr. Milnor,
Rev. Mr. Kemper,

Laity.

Dr. P. F. Glentworth,
Richard Dale, esq.
William Meredith, esq.
Thomas M'Euen, esq.
John B. Wallace, esq.

The Convention adjourned to meet on the first Tuesday in May next, at five o'clock, P. M. in St. James's Church, Philadelphia.

JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary.*

Statement to show the amount of the above Fund.

850	14
869	62
609	20
53	87
39	86
36	07
602	
\$ 3060	76

United States 6 per cent stock: cost \$ 2844 85 cents.

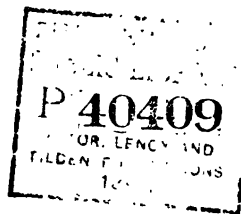
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*Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church
in Pennsylvania,* } *In account with P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.*

1816.					
May 6.	By balance,			217	63
	7. By annual contribution from Christ Church, Philada.			20	
	Do.	St. Peter's,		20	
	Do.	St. James's,	do.	20	
	Do.	St. Paul's,	do.	20	
	Do.	St. Peter's,	Valley,	5	
	Do.	St. Mary's,	Chester co.	5	
	Do.	St. Gabriel's,	Berks,	5	
	Do.	St. James's,	Perkiomen,	5	
	Do.	St. James's,	Bristol,	10	
	Do.	St. Paul's,	Chester,	15	
	Do.	St. John's,	Norristown,	5	
	Do.	Trinity,	Oxford,	5	
Errors excepted,					
P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.				\$ 352	63

JOURNAL

OF THE



THIRTY FOURTH CONVENTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

**HELD IN ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA,
ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THE FIFTH AND SIXTH OF
MAY, 1818.**

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1818.**

LIST OF CLERGY, &c.

Bt Rev. William White, D D.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

James Abercrombie, D. D. Assistant Minister in Christ Church, St Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Turner, residing in Philadelphia.

Joseph Clarkson, Rector of St. James's, Lancaster; St. John's, Pequea; and Bangor Church, Churchtown.

James Wiltbank, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania.

Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia

Richard D. Hall, Rector of St. James's the Greater, Bristol.

Samuel Phinney, residing at Wilkes-Barre.

George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin

A. Carter, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord.

Thomas P. May, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown.

Samuel H. Turner, at present having charge of the Theological Students, Philadelphia.

Charles M. Dupuy, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Wm. A. Muhlenburgh, Assistant to Rt. Rev. Bishop White, Philadelphia.

George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties.

The following Clergymen were absent during the sitting of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Blackwell, Rev. Mr. Campbell, Rev. Sator Clay, Rev. Robert Ayres, Rev. Mr. Reno, Rev. Mr. Taylor, Rev. Samuel Phinney, and Rev. Caleb Hopkins.

A LIST OF LAY DELEGATES WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION.

From St. Peter's Church, Chester County,	Walter Kerr,
From St. David's Church, Radnor,	Abraham Philips.
From St. John's Church, Norristown,	Philip Sheaff,
	John Brooke.
	Bird Wilson,
	Matthias Holstein,
	Levi Pawling.
From Christ Church, Philadelphia,	Henry Pratt.
From St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,	Daniel Smith,
	William Meredith,
	John B. Wallace.
From St. James's Church, Philadelphia,	Thomas McEuen,
	Richard Dale.
From St. Mary's Church, Chester County,	Thomas Bull.
From St. John's Church, Concord,	Henry Myers,
	Isaac Armant.
From St. John's Church, Northern Liberties,	Turner Carmac,
	Edward D. Corfield,
	Charles Wheeler.
From St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook,	Zachariah Derrick,
	David Marshall, jun.
	Thomas Ryerson.
From St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia,	Richard North,
	John Mathews,
	P. F. Glentworth.
From St. Paul's Church, Chester,	George B. Lownes,
	Pierce Crosby,
From St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County,	Eli Trago.
From St. Thomas's Church, Whitmarsh,	John Burk,
	George Haage.
From St. John's Church, York,	Samuel Bacon.
From Trinity Church, Pittsburgh,	Henry Baldwin.
From St. James's the Greater, Bristol,	John McElroy,
	James Wright,
	Jacob Hibbs.
From Trinity Church, Oxford,	John Green,
	Serrick Fox.
From All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin,	Joseph Ashton,
	George Breck.
From St. Luke's Church, Germantown,	James Stokes,
	Thomas Armatt.

JOURNAL, &c.

MAY 5th, 1818. 5 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the time appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the Annual Convention, the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, and several of the Clerical and Lay Members attended in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

The Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. George Boyd was chosen.

In compliance with the 15th of the standing regulations, the list of Clergy entitled to seats in this Convention was called over. The following persons having answered to their names, took their seats: Rt. Rev. Bishop White, D. D. Rev. James Abercrombie D. D. Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Rev. James Wiltbank, Rev. Jackson Kemper, Rev. Richard D. Hall, Rev. A. Carter, Rev. Jacob Morgan Douglass, Rev. Thomas P. May, Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, and Rev. George Boyd.

The following Lay Delegates presented testimonials of their appointment, and were admitted to seats: Walter Kerr, from St. Peter's Church, Chester County; Philip Sheaff and John Brooke, St. David's Church, Radnor; Bird Wilson, Matthias Holstein and Levi Pawling, from St. John's Church, Norristown; William Meredith, St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia; Thomas M'Euen and Richard Dale, St. James's Church, Philadelphia; Henry Myers and Isaac Armant, St. John's Church, Concord; Turner Camac and Edward D. Corfield, St. John's Church, Northern Liberties; David Marshall, jun. St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; John Mathews, P. F. Glentworth, St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; Pierce Crosby, St. Paul's Church, Chester; Eli Trago, St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County; George Haage, St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh.

On motion, *Resolved* That the regulations of Convention adopted at several preceding meetings, be read for the information of the members present.

Convention adjourned to meet again at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.

Divine Service was performed by the Rev. A. Carter, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Jackson Kemper: when Albert A. Muller, Jacob Morgan Douglass, and Charles M. Dupuy, were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests—and Henry R. Judah, Samuel C. Brinkle, and Manning B. Roche, were admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.

After Divine Worship the following Clerical Members who were absent yesterday, appeared and took their seats: The Rev. Joseph Turner, Rev. George Sheets, Rev. Samuel H. Turner, Rev. William A. Muhlenburgh.

The Rev. Albert A. Muller, from the state of South Carolina, and the Rev. Levi Bull from the state of Delaware, were invited to attend the sittings of this Convention.

The Rev. Henry R. Judah the Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle, and the Rev. Manning B. Roche, who had been ordained this morning appeared and took their seats.

The following Lay Delegates presented testimonials of their appointment and took their seats: Samuel Bacon, St. John's Church York; Henry Baldwin, Trinity Church, Pittsburgh; John M'Elroy, James Wright and Jacob Hibbs, St. James's the Greater, Bristol; John Green and Serrick Fox, Trinity Church, Oxford; Joseph Ashton and George Breck, All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin; James Stokes and Thomas Armat, St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Candidates for the Ministry in this Diocese, be permitted to attend the meetings of this Convention.

Agreeably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the Bishop delivered the following Address—

My Brethren, the Clergy and Lay Deputies of this Convention,

On the 20th day of last September, I ordained to the holy office of Priests, the Rev. George Sheets; on the 21st day of September I ordained to the holy office of Deacons, Richard Sharpe Mason and William Augustus Muhlenburgh, all of this state; and it ought to appear on your Minutes, that I have this day ordained in your presence Albert A. Muller, of South Carolina, Jacob M. Douglass, and Charles M. Dupuy, of this state, to the holy order of Priesthood: and Henry R. Judah, Samuel C. Brinkle, and Manning B. Roche to the holy order of Deacons.

There have been recorded as candidates for holy orders, Bird Wilson, late Judge of the First District of this state, John S. Newbold, Samuel Bacon William Armstrong, James Pilmore, Joseph Spencer, and George Jones.

The Rev. Levi Bull has removed to the state of Delaware, and the Rev. John Armstrong to the state of Maryland. The Rev. James Montgomery, after residing for some months in Trenton, has been elected to a highly respectable Rectory in the city of New York. The Rev. Joseph Walker, who was ordained during the last Convention, has accepted a Parish in the state of Maryland. The Rev. Samuel Hulbert Turner, who has resigned the same charge, resides in this city.

The Rev. Thomas P. May, has been settled as Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown. The Rev. Jacob M. Douglass has been settled as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord. And the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenburgh has been received as a temporary Assistant in Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, in this city. The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy has received a ministerial settlement with a newly organized congregation in Germantown. The Rev. Richard S. Mason, who was ordained a Deacon during the last Convention, has repaired to Newbern, on an invitation from the Vestry of the Church in that place, with the prospect of settlement; but not having heard of its being finally agreed on, I defer the recording of his removal.

There has departed this life the Rev. Absalom Jones, late Rector of the African Church of St. Thomas, in this city; and I

do not record the event, without a tender recollection of his eminent virtues, and of his pastoral fidelity.

On the 26th of March, I consecrated St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, which has been built to replace one of the first Churches in the former Province, but lately gone to decay.— And on the 30th of the same month, I laid the corner-stone of a Church in Germantown, the building of which is now progressing.

Besides administering the Ordinance of Confirmation at sundry times within the city, and once in St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties. I confirmed on the 19th of October, in St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; and on the 19th of last month in All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin. The number confirmed are 268.

It is with great grief, that I notice the decease of my Rt. Rev. Brother, Bishop Dehon, of South Carolina. The eminent talents and the amiable character of this Bishop, in connexion with his early stage of life, had induced in my mind the expectation, that he would continue to be useful to the Church, when the ministry of his older brethren shall be at an end. But such is the uncertainty of the issue of all human hopes!

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, during the last year, have aided in providing for Divine Worship in sundry destitute Churches, not remote from the city; and have been at temporary expense for the same purpose in some of the counties on the waters of the Susquehanna, and in others beyond the Alleghany mountains. But they were not able to obtain a Missionary, who should be wholly and for a length of time so employed.

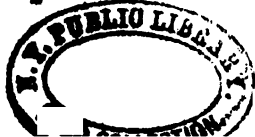
The Missionary Society, instituted for operation beyond the limits of the state, have been at the expense of the removal and the temporary support of a Clergyman from Connecticut to the state of Ohio; and are happy to find, that he has been there successfully employed in organizing congregations. They also contributed to the removal of another clergyman from the former state to the latter—having reason to entertain sanguine expectations of his usefulness; which, as yet, there has not been time to realize. Another effort of the same Society, has been their bearing of the expense of a very respectable clergyman of New

Jersey, who took a journey into the state of Ohio, with the view of giving beginning to the Church in that state, and has contributed considerably to that good end.

There ought not to be lost the opportunity of suggesting to the members of this Convention, the propriety of intimating in their respective neighbourhoods, the duty of contributing to the carrying on of the efforts of the two Institutions which have been mentioned. The former of these is the only possible source of supply of ministerial services, to very small congregations and to scattered settlements of the members of our Communion throughout the state. The energies of the latter are loudly called for from the western states, in some such addresses as that of the man of Macédonia to St. Paul—"Come and help us." The call was deeply felt by the last General Convention; on which measures were adopted for the organizing of the Church in the western states, and for the extending to them of the Episcopacy. For the accomplishing of these objects, it is necessary to procure the missionary labours of some clergymen and to organize congregations by their exertions. In doing this, it is to be expected that the zeal of the Church in Pennsylvania will be prominent, on account of our contiguity to the regions in which there is the greatest prospect of success.

There is another species of charitable Institutions, which I beg leave to recommend on this occasion. It is that of the gratuitous instruction of the children of the poor in Sunday Schools. In the country in which those Schools were begun, they have been found the happiest expedients yet devised, for the clearing of the streams of corruption at their sources. The records of their effect on the moral state of extensive districts rest on evidence not to be resisted. It is a fact of general notoriety, that over the whole face of our country, there are temptations to juvenile licentiousness, peculiarly operative on the first day of the week, and tending to make its returning rest a cause of corruption, instead of its being as was designed, and as the experience of ages has proved it fitted to be, the best preservative of morals and of decency. The evil is known and felt; and the Providence of God points to the remedy of it, in the blessing which has been

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bestowed on the expedient recommended. But it is my recommendation, that whatever efforts may be put forth by my reverend brethren, for the extending of this species of beneficent Institution, the instruction of them embrace the principles of Christian faith and worship, as maintained in this Church, and be under the control of its Ministry. There is an apparent liberality in the contrary scheme; but it is never consistently acted on, so far as my knowledge extends. If it should be acted on, there must be a surrendry of Christian verity.

Within the last few months, there has been instituted a Society, under the name of "The Common Prayer Book Society of Pennsylvania." The object of it is to furnish Prayer Books for sale at the cheapest rates, and to distribute them to the poor, so far as the funds may enable. The Managers have purchased a set of Stereotype Plates for the book, of the octavo size. The first edition has been struck off; and is placed on proportionably as good terms as the duodecimo edition of New York, heretofore obtained, from time to time, by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity; who are to be relieved by the Society now named, from this branch of their expenditure. It ought to be known, that there is a gain, rather than a loss, attached to a membership of this Society; the subscriber being entitled to receive books to the amount of his subscription, at about half of the price at which books of the same sizes are usually sold.

In bringing these subjects into view, there ought not to be overlooked a female society, auxiliary to the first mentioned; and devoted, under the control of the ecclesiastical authority, to the publishing of small Tracts. These publications have been found very useful, in extending the knowledge of the genuine truths of Christianity. To those who are desirous of doing much good at a small expense, there may be recommended the availing of themselves of the means furnished by this respectable Association.

It has occurred to some of our brethren of each order, that the subject of the fund for the future support of a Bishop, has not been sufficiently notified to the several Congregations of the Church in this state. At the advanced time of life of your pre-

sent Bishop, there cannot be thought a view to personal interest, in his recommending of it, as he now does, to the members of this Convention; especially, as he must be supposed more impressed than any other, with the conviction of the utility of separating the Episcopal duties from the Parochial.

To a former Convention, there was made a communication of the renewed operation of the Society for the Relief of the Widows and the Children of deceased Clergymen. As the probable advantage to a family, considerably overbalances the required subscription during life, it is reasonable to conclude, from the paucity of those availing themselves of the benefit, that there may be use in this further notice of the fund in hand. Any future demands on it, will be the fruit of fair purchase; and it would essentially interfere with the calculations on which the scheme was originally predicated, to encourage any expectations from the bounty of the Corporation.

At the General Convention held in May last, the subject of theological education was considered and acted on. The prevailing sentiment, was in favour of one general seminary to be located in the city of New York. It is my ardent desire, that there may be put forth the most zealous endeavours throughout the Union, to raise a fund for the carrying of the design into effect. With this view, a Committee was appointed by the General Convention. The Committee assembled in this city in January; when the consenting opinions of the members present, on all the leading points which came under consideration, were a favourable beginning of the business. The arrangements made by them will soon be laid before the publick. For some years past, there have not been wanting the voluntary endeavours of the Clergy of this city, to prepare for the Ministry candidates, admitted by the Standing Committee. These endeavours were necessarily far short of what is to be desired. Perhaps they may be improved by a late measure of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, with a view to this object, in their granting of a stipend, although very small, to the Rev. Samuel H. Turner, whom we consider as competent to the charge of candidates. But it will be highly gratifying to me, to find this partial expedient absorbed in the projected Seminary of New York.

It only remains, to express my devout wishes for the divine guidance of the counsels of the assembled body, and a blessing on whatever may be undertaken by them for the glory of God and the good of the Church.

WM. WHITE.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Dr. Beasley and Bird Wilson be a committee to examine the Journal of the last Convention, and report the unfinished business if any.

The minutes of the Standing Committee for the past year were read by their Secretary, the Rev. Mr. Kemper.

Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon, 4 o'clock.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the previous proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention, and report upon the unfinished business—Report to the Convention that there appears upon the Minutes no unfinished business, except that which relates to a resolution, by which a committee was appointed to procure from the Hon. John Penn an assignment of his right of nominating and appointing two persons to be educated free of all expense in the University of Pennsylvania—and that they are informed the said committee are prepared to make a report.

FREDERICK BEASLEY,
BIRD WILSON.

The Committee referred to above, reported as follows—"The Committee appointed at the last State Convention to communicate certain Resolutions to the Hon. John Penn, and to request that if he should see fit he would, by a proper assignment, authorize the Bishop of this Diocese, with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee for the time being, to make from time to time the nomination and appointment referred to in the said resolutions, in the manner therein expressed, and to draught and transmit a form of such assignment—

Report, That they have communicated the said resolutions, and transmitted the draught of an assignment to the Hon. John Penn, through General Thomas Cadwalader, his general agent, and have every reason to expect a compliance on his part with the wishes of the Convention.

May 6th, 1818.

WILLIAM MEREDITH,
JOHN B. WALLACE,
TURNER CAMAC.

Dr. P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer of this Convention, reported a balance in hand of \$286 31.

The same gentleman, as Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, reports the present amount of that fund at \$4589 07.

Increase during the last year \$784 65.

Mr. James Wright obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the time this Convention shall sit.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, former Secretary, read the two following papers, which had been received since the meeting of the last Convention

***** TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME: *The*
Seal. *Minister, Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity*
***** *Church in Pittsburgh, send greeting:—*

WHEREAS the said Church is regularly organized, in conformity with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Minister, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen thereof, desire that the same Church should be admitted into the Convention of the diocese: Now know ye, that for the purpose aforesaid, the Rev. Abiel Carter, Minister of the said Church, and Samuel Roberts, Joseph Barker, and Abner Barker, Esquires, are elected, delegated and appointed to represent the said Church in the ensuing Convention to be held at Philadelphia.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned Wardens of the said Church, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed, at the city of Pittsburgh, this twenty sixth day of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SAMUEL ROBERTS, } Wardens.
O. ORMSBY, }

*To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
State of Pennsylvania.*

Extracts from the Journal of the Proceedings of the Bishops, Clergy, and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in a General Convention held in the city of New York in the month of May A. D. 1817.

"HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

" Tuesday, May 27.

" Resolved, That it is expedient to alter the first article of the Constitution of this Church, so far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention thereof, by striking out the words: *third Tuesday in May in the year of our Lord 1808, and on the third Tuesday in May,* and inserting instead thereof the words—*first Tuesday in October in the year of our Lord 1823, and on the first Tuesday in October.*

" Resolved, That in conformity with the 9th Article of the Constitution, the Secretaries of this Convention, after the adjournment thereof, make known the proposed alteration to the several State Conventions."

Attested.

BENJ. T. ONDERDONK, Secretary H. B.

" House of Clerical and Lay Deputies,

" Tuesday, May 27.

" A message was received from the House of Bishops, communicating a proposed alteration to the first article of the Constitution, as far as it fixes the time of the meeting of the General Convention; which was read, and concurred in by this House."

Attested.

**ASHBEL BALDWIN, Sec'ry
House of C. and L. Deputies.**

According to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, the following parochial reports were handed in, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:

Report from the United Churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	152
Burials,	-	-	-	-	149
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	69
Communicants, about	425.				

Report from St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord.

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	-	15
" Infants,	-	-	-	-	10
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	38
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	14

JACOB MORGAN DOUGLASS.

Report from St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	137
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	6
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	14
Burials,	-	-	-	-	7

NICHOLAS JONES, clerk.

Report from Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	47
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	4

Report from St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. John's Church, Pequa; and Bangor Church, Church Town.

Baptisms, Infants,	-	-	-	-	52
" Adults,	-	-	-	-	6
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	20
Burials,	-	-	-	-	15
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	66

JOSEPH CLARKSON.

Report from the United Churches of Trinity and All Saints.

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	8	
“ Children,	-	-	8	Total 16.
Communicants, Trinity,	-	-	27	
“ All Saints,	-	-	26	Total 53.
Marriages,	-	-	10	
Burials,	-	-	9	

GEORGE SHEETS, Rector.**Report from St. John's Church, Norristown.**

Communicants,	-	-	6	
Baptisms, Children,	-	-	21	
“ Adults,	-	-	7	28
Funerals,	-	-	1	

THOS. P. MAY, Rector.**Report from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.**

Baptisms,	-	-	68	
Communicants,	-	-	236	
Marriages,	-	-	65	
Funerals,	-	-	60	

JOSEPH PILMORE, Rector.**Report from St. James's the Greater, Bristol.**

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	9	
“ Children,	-	-	25	Total 34.
Communicants added,	-	-	7	
“ suspended,	-	-	2	147
Marriages,	-	-	13	
Burials,	-	-	19	

RICHARD D. HALL, Rector.**Report from St. Luke's Church, Germantown.**

Communicants,	-	-	12	
Baptisms,	-	-	5	
Marriages,	-	-	2	
Funerals,	-	-	2	

CHARLES MEREDITH DUFUY, Rector.

Report from St. Thomas's Church, Philadelphia.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	101
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	54
Burials,	-	-	-	-	56
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	15

ROBERT GORDON, *Warden.**Report from St. Mary's Church, Chester County.*

Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	-	7
“ Infants,	-	-	-	17—Total 24.
Marriages,	-	-	-	20

LEVI BULL, *Rector.**Report from St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties.*

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	36
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	64
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	10
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	5

GEO. BOYD.

The following persons were elected Delegates to the General Convention:

CLERICAL DELEGATES.

Rev. Dr. Beasley,
Mr. Kemper,
Mr. Clarkson,
Mr. Boyd,

LAY DELEGATES.

Thomas McEuen,
Richard Dale,
P. F. Glentworth,
William Meredith.

The following persons were elected members of the Standing Committee—

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

Rev. Dr. Beasley,
Dr. Abercrombie,
Mr. Kemper,
Mr. S. H. Turner,
Mr. Boyd,

LAY MEMBERS.

John B. Wallace,
Thomas McEuen,
Richard Dale,
P. F. Glentworth,
Charles Wheeler.

On motion, *resolved*, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Kemper for his Sermon delivered at the opening of the Convention.

On motion, *resolved*, That this Convention think it desirable that one of the Churches in the city be open for divine worship in the evening during the time of its sitting--and they do hereby request the Rt. Rev. Bishop White to make such an arrangement.

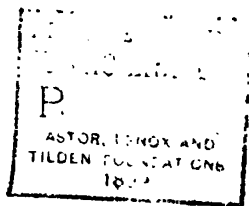
Convention adjourned.

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, } In account with P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer, Cr.

1817.			1817		
May 12.	To Cash paid C. R. Bowen for his attendance on the Convention,	1 63	May 7.	By balance,	467 68
17.	" John Bioren for printing 33d Journal,	27 00	15.	By Cash from Trinity Church, Oxford,	5 00
1818.	" The expenses of six of the Delegates to the General Convention, at New York, in May last,	154 00			
May 5.	" for two boxes for papers,	3 75			
"	To balance in the Treasurer's hands,	286 31			
	Errors Excepted.	\$472 68		Philadelphia, May 5th, 1818.	\$472 68
				P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.	

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MAY 4th, 1819. 5 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, for the meeting of the Annual Convention, the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D., Bishop of the diocese, with the following Clergymen, and Lay Deputies, attended in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Names of Clergymen.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.	{ Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
Frederick Beasley, D. D.	{ Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
Joseph Turner,	{ Residing in Philadelphia.
Joseph Clarkson,	{ Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequa.
Levi Bull,	{ Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks county; St. Mary's, Chester county; and Bangor Church, Churchtown.
Jackson Kemper,	{ Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.
George Boyd,	{ Rector of St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties.
Jacob M. Douglass,	{ Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord.
Thomas P. May,	{ Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, and St. Thomas's, Whitmarsh.
Charles M. Dupuy,	{ Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Rev. William A. Muhlenberg,	{ Assistant to the Rt. Rev. William White, Philadelphia.
John Rodney, Jun.	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Easton.
Manning B. Roche,	{ Missionary at New London Cross Roads.
Bird Wilson,	{ At present residing in Phila- delphia.

Names of Lay Delegates.

Richard Duffield, John Burk, and Samuel Nash,	{ From St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh.
John Lardner, and William Overington,	{ Oxford and All Saints.
Edward D. Corfield, Charles Wheeler,	{ St. John's Church, Northern Liberties.
John Price, Junr.	St. John's Church, Concord.
Thomas H. White,	Christ Church, Philadelphia.
John B. Wallace, William Meredith,	{ St. Peter's Church, Phila- delphia.
John Read, Richard Dale, Thomas M'Euen,	{ St. James's Church, Phila- delphia.
Walter Kerr,	{ St. Peter's Church, Great Valley.
Thomas Ryerson, David Marshall, Junr.	{ St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.
John Claxton,	St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
James Stokes, Richard Bayley,	{ St. Luke's Church, German- town.
George Douglass,	{ St. Gabriel's Church, Amity Township, Berks County.
Daniel Bulkley,	St. John's Church, Pequa.

Trinity Church, Easton, having been incorporated and regularly organized as an Episcopal Church, since the last annual Convention, and having expressed their wish to that effect, in the following paper:

To all to whom these presents shall come:

*The Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity Church,
Easton, send greeting:*

WHEREAS the said Church is duly incorporated according to law, and is regularly organized in conformity with the doc-

trine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States; and the Rector, Church Wardens, and Vestrymen thereof desire that the same Church should be admitted into the Convention of the Diocess:

Now know ye, that, for the purpose aforesaid, Samuel Sitgreaves, John Dolby and Benjamin A. Rose are elected, delegated and appointed, together with the Reverend John Rodney, junior, Rector of the said Church, to represent the same Church in the ensuing Convention of the Church, to be held at Philadelphia on the first Tuesday in May next.

In testimony whereof, the Subscribers, Wardens of the said Church, have to these presents set their hands and seals, the said Church not having yet a corporate seal, the fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

JNO. DOLBY, (L. S.)

S. SITGREAVES. (L. S.)

Upon motion,

was admitted into the number of Churches belonging to this Convention.

John Dolby, from Trinity Church, Easton, appeared and took his seat.

Christ Church, Leacock township, Lancaster county, being similarly situated, upon like motion was admitted into the number of Churches belonging to this Convention.

Daniel Bulkley, from Christ Church, Leacock township, appeared and took his seat.

The Convention being thus assembled, proceeded to the election of a Secretary, when the Rev. George Boyd was chosen.

In compliance with the 15th of the standing regulations of the Church in this State, the list of Clergymen entitled to seats in this Convention was called; when it appeared that the following gentlemen were absent:

Rev. James Abercrombie, D.D.,	{	Assistant Minister in Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's Church, Philad.
Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.,		residing in Philadelphia.
Rev. Slator Clay,	{	Rector of St. James's, Perkio-
		men, and St. Peter's, Great Valley.

Rev. James Wiltbank,

Rev. John Campbell,

Rev. Robert Ayres,

Rev. John Taylor,

Rev. Francis Reno,

Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle.

{ Master of the Grammar
School, in the University of
Pennsylvania.

Rector of ——— Carlisle.

residing in Brownsville.

residing in Pittsburgh.

{ Officiating in the Counties of
Beaver and Alleghany.

Rector of St. David's, Radnor.

Upon reading over the Certificates of Lay Deputies appointed by their respective Churches, the following gentlemen were absent:

Turner Camac,

John Bullock,

Henry Myers,

William Tilghman,

Henry Pratt,

Daniel Smith,

Abraham Philips,

Benjamin F. Johnson,

Richard North,
P. F. Glentworth,

John M. Price,

John Yeates,
Barton Henderson,

Nathaniel Rutter,
Joel Lightner,

Samuel Sitgreaves,
Benjamin A. Rose,

{ St. John's Church, Northern
Liberties.

{ St John's Church, Concord.

{ Christ Church, Philadelphia.

{ St. Peter's Church, Philadel-
phia.

{ St. Peter's Church, Great
Valley.

{ St. Martin's Church, Marcus
Hook.

{ St. Paul's Church, Philadel-
phia.

{ St. Luke's Church, German-
town.

{ St. John's Church, Pequa.

{ Christ Church, Leacock
township.

{ Trinity Church, Easton.

On motion, Resolved, that any Episcopal Clergymen, belonging to the other States, who may be in town during the sitting of this Convention, are invited to attend its meetings.

The Rev. Richard D. Hall, late of Bristol, in this Diocese, but now of Wilmington, Delaware, took a seat under the foregoing resolution.

On motion, Resolved, that the Candidates for the Ministry, within this Diocese, and Lay Members of the Church, who may be in the city, are invited to attend the meeting of this Convention.

A motion was made to appoint a committee to examine the Journals of the last Convention, and ascertain what unfinished business (if any) remained for the attention of the present Convention.

This motion was withdrawn, as informal, in as much as it is provided by the regulations of this Convention, that no other business shall be transacted upon the first day of meeting, except to organise the body.

Adjourned to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday morning, 5th of May, 1819.

Convention met.—Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Levi Bull: after which, Charles G. Snowden was admitted to the holy order of Deacons.

Upon calling over the names of the Clergy, and Lay Deputies, the following persons appeared to be present:

Rt. Rev. William White, D. D.,	Rev. George Sheets,
Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.,	Jacob M. Douglass,
James Abercrombie, D. D.,	Thomas P. May,
Frederick Beasley, D. D.,	Charles M. Dupuy,
Joseph Turner,	Wm. A. Muhlenberg,
Joseph Clarkson,	Samuel C. Brinkle,
James Wiltbank,	John Rodney, Jun.
Jackson Kemper,	Bird Wilson,
Levi Bull,	Manning B. Roche,
George Boyd,	Charles G. Snowden.

Lay Deputies.

Richard Duffield,	John Read,
John Burk,	Richard Dale,
Samuel Nash,	Thomas M'Euen,
John Lardner,	John Dolby,

William Overington,
Edward D. Corfield,
Turner Camac,
Charles Wheeler,
John Peirce,
William Tilghman,
Henry Pratt,
Thomas H. White,
Daniel Smith,
William Meredith,
John B. Wallace.

Benjamin A. Rose,
Daniel Bulkley,
George Douglass,
James Stokes,
John M. Price,
Richard Bailey,
P. F. Glentworth,
David Marshall, Jun.
Benjamin F. Johnson,
Walter Kerr.

In compliance with the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Rt. Rev. Bishop White delivered the following address:

**MY BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND THE LAY DEPUTIES OF THIS
CONVENTION:**

ON the last day of May in the preceding year, in Norristown, I ordained to the holy office of Priests, Thomas P. May, Rector of St. John's Church in that place; and to the holy office of Deacons, Thomas Brientnall, then of this city, but since removed to the Rectory of Zion Church in the city of New-York. On the 12th of June, I ordained to the holy office of Priests, Frederick Dalcho, of the then vacant Diocese of South Carolina. On the 24th of July, I ordained to the holy office of Deacons, William Westerman, who is since settled in the Diocese of Maryland. On the 10th of January, I ordained to the same office Joseph Spencer, and John Rodney: of whom the former is Master of the Episcopal Grammar School in this city; and the latter is Rector of Trinity Church in Easton, yesterday recognized by this Convention. My last ordination was on the 12th of March, of Bird Wilson and William S. Wilson: the former of whom had for many years filled the honourable station of presiding Judge of the Third District of this State; and the latter, being of South Carolina, but having finished his studies in this City, was ordained under letters demissory of his Diocesan.

The candidates for the Ministry, admitted since my last

address, are Joseph Jacquet, John Johns, Peter Vanpelt, and Prince Sanders, a coloured man.

The Rev. Levi Bull has returned to his former station in this Diocess: and there have left it the Rev. Richard Hall, to succeed Mr. Bull in Wilmington, and the Rev. Samuel H. Turner, under an appointment to a Professorship in the Theological School, to be begun about this time in the City of New-York. The Rev. Samuel Phinney has also left this State, by a removal to the Diocess of New-York. The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, have encouraged the Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, late of Connecticut, to enter on missionary duty in Northumberland, with a view to a permanent settlement in that town: but whether the object will be accomplished, it remains to future circumstances to determine. Under the encouragement of the same Society, the Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle has undertaken the pastoral charge of St. David's, Radnor, and the Rev. Manning B. Roche began his ministry in Wilkesbarre, having the prospect of raising a congregation in that place; but has been obliged by the state of his health to leave it, and has returned to his native State of Delaware, but officiates sometimes to the congregation in New-London, under the encouragement of the same Society.

On the 8th day of last October, the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bowen was consecrated by four Bishops assembled in this city, for the Diocess of S. Carolina; and on the 10th day of February, by the same number of Bishops, was consecrated the Rev. Philander Chase, for the Diocess of Ohio: whereby there has been carried into effect the measures adopted by four successive general Conventions, for the extending of the Episcopacy to the States westward of the Alleghany mountains.

On the 7th of June, I consecrated to the service of Almighty God, a Church lately erected in Leacock township, Lancaster County, called Christ Church, and acknowledged yesterday by this Convention. And on the 10th of August, I consecrated St. Luke's Church, in Germantown.

As the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, the Missionary Society, and the Prayer Book Society, print their respective Journals, there is no need of a particular account of their proceedings on this occasion: which, however, does not dispense with my expression of a wish for the extension of the

patronage which they so richly merit. That the fund for the support of Widows of Clergymen has not drawn a greater number of clerical contributors, must be owing to the circumstance, that the advantage to be derived from it has not been enough considered.

When your Bishop laments, that there is not a more rapid increase of the fund for the maintainance of a future Bishop, it must be owing to his being so situated, as to be especially sensible of the importance of severing the Episcopal duties from the Parochial.

Besides Confirmations at sundry times in the Churches within the city, and twice in St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties, I confirmed and preached on the last day of May at St. John's, Norristown; on the 13th of April, at All-Saints, Pequestan; on the 8th of June, at St. Thomas's, Lancaster County; on the 27th of September, in St. Luke's, Germantown; and on the 28th of March, again in the same Church. The amount of persons confirmed is 182.

The constantly accumulating evidence of the utility of Sunday Schools, will justify my again recommending them to the patronage of our Church throughout the Diocese. Having on many occasions personally recommended the connecting of them with parochial instruction in the distinctive principles of our communion, I embrace the opportunity of recording the reason of my opinion in that particular. It is, that so far as my experience extends, solicitation to the contrary course is always with the expectation of a surrendry of those principles; and that on disappointment as to this object, it is always succeeded by a decline of Christian charity; and, not seldom, by the excitement of unchristian passion.

In proportion as your Bishop advances in years, he feels gratification in noticing an increase in the Ministry, of those whom he judges competent to sustain its respectability and its usefulness. He has always been of opinion, that for the extension of our communion, nothing is wanting but a requisite number of Ministers of real piety, and of sufficiency of intellectual acquirement. Without the former qualification, they are dead weights on our communion: or rather, they serve as beacons,

cautioning against the supposed contagion of our principles. Without the latter, especially at a time when the thirst of knowledge is generally on the increase, they cannot but be occasionally in circumstances, in which they must surrender one or another truth of Christianity, and even the system itself, from the want of ability to defend them.

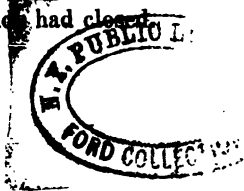
That from deficiency in each of these points, our Church has suffered in sundry instances, is notorious. On this account, there may be recommended as well to the Laity as to the Clergy of the Diocess, the patronizing of the Theological School lately instituted. It now solicits that patronage, which we hope it will hereafter command, by reputation attached to an education known to have been received under its Professors.

WILLIAM WHITE.

Additional certificates were handed in, whereby it appeared that the following gentlemen had been appointed Lay Delegates from their respective Churches.

Philip Sheaff,	}	St. David's Church, Radnor.
William Brooke,		
William J. Miller,	}	All Saints Church, Lower
James Boyer,		Dublin.
Levi Pawling,	}	St. John's Church, Norris-
Philip S. Markley,		town.
Matthias Holstein,		
Daniel Uble,	}	St. Mary's Church, East
Isaac Pawlin,		Nantmil township, Chester
		County.
Peirce Crosby,	}	St. Paul's Church, Chester.
George B. Lownes,		
Peter Deshong,		
John M'Elroy,	}	St. James's the Greater,
James Wright,		Bristol.
Jacob Hibbs,		

St. John's Church, York, appointed Samuel Bacon and John Brenise, Deputies. By mistake, these gentlemen did not come to town until the sitting of the Convention had closed.



Of these were present:

Philip Sheaff,	Matthias Holstein,
William Brooke,	George B. Lownes,
William J. Miller,	Peter Deshong,
James Boyer,	John M. Elroy,
Levi Pawling,	James Wright,
Philip S. Markley,	Jacob Hibbs.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer, of New Jersey, being in the city, took a seat in Convention, under the resolution passed yesterday.

On motion, resolved, that the Rev. Jackson Kemper and William Meredith, be a committee to examine the Journals of the last State Convention, and report the unfinished business, if any.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper, Secretary of the standing committee, in compliance with the rules and regulations of this Church, read the minutes of the proceedings of the committee during the last year.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Convention, on the subject of the honourable John Penn's right of nomination of two persons to be educated at the University of Pennsylvania, free of expense—made the following report.

Report.—We learn from General Cadwalader, that he has yet received no answer to the request made by the Convention, of Mr. Penn; but being about to embark for England, he will avail himself of the occasion to make a personal application to Mr. Penn, upon the subject.

William Meredith,	} <i>Committee.</i>
Turner Camac,	
John B. Wallace,	

P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, reported that the sum of 312 dollars and 88 cents, had been added to the Fund during the last year*.

The same gentleman, as Treasurer of the Convention, reported a balance in hand, of 380 dollars and 81 cents.

In compliance with the 45th canon of this Convention, the Clergy had presented to the Bishop, the following Parochial reports:

* The reason why so small a sum has been added to the Episcopal Fund, the last year, was that no collections had been taken in the Churches in the city.

Report from the United Congregations of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	154
Burials,	108
Marriages,	40
Communicants, about	425

Report from St. John's Church, Norristown.

Baptisms, Adults,	14	
do. Children,	15	Total 29
Communicants, (added 23,)		29
Removed,	2	
Deceased,	2	4
		<hr/>
		25
Marriages,	8	
Funerals,	4	

THOMAS P. MAY, *Rector.*

Report from All Saint's Church, Lower Dublin.

Communicants, deceased,	1
admitted,	4
Total,	29
Burials,	5

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Report from Trinity Church, Oxford.

Communicants, deceased,	2
withdrawn	1
admitted,	3
Total,	23
Baptised,	3
Burials,	7

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Report from Trinity Church, Easton.

Communicants,	18
Baptisms, Adults,	3
do. Children,	8
Deaths,	1

JOHN RODNEY, JUN. *Rector.*

Report from St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	42
Communicants,	240
Marriages,	70
Funerals,	42

JOSEPH PILMORE, *Rector.**Report from St. Gabriel's Church, Amity Township,
Berks County.*

Communicants,	122
Marriages,	4
Baptisms,	13
Burials,	11

LEVI BULL, *Rector.**Report from St. Luke's Church, Germantown.*

Communicants,	18
Baptisms, Adults,	5
do. Children,	6—9
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4

CHARLES M. DUPUY, *Rector.**Report from St. David's Church, Radnor.*

Baptisms, Adults,	2
do. Infants,	1—3
Marriages,	none
Burials, not known,	

SAMUEL C. BRINKLE, *Rector.**Report from St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh.*

Baptisms,	1
Communicants,	5
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3

THOMAS P. MAY, *Rector.**Report from St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus
Hook; and St. John's, Concord.*

Baptisms, Adults,	4
do. Infants,	18—22
Communicants,	57
Marriages,	11
Burials,	18

JACOB M. DOUGLASS, *Rector.*

*Report from St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. John's, Pequa;
and Bangor, Church Town.*

Baptisms, Infants,	. . . . .	62
do. Adults,	. . . . .	11—73
Burials,	. . . . .	12. St. James's.
		1 St. John's.
Bangor, not known.		
Marriages,	. . . . .	21
Communicants,	. . . . .	65

JOSEPH CLARKSON, *Rector.*

Report from St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties.

Communicants, added,	. . . . .	36
dead,	. . . . .	1
removed,	. . . . .	1—Total 96
Baptisms, Infants,	. . . . .	32
do. Adults,	. . . . .	19—Total 51
Burials,	. . . . .	8

GEORGE BOYD, *Rector.*

Report from St. James's the Greater, Bristol.

Baptisms, Adults,	. . . . .	8
do. Children,	. . . . .	50—58
Communicants, added,	. . . . .	13
suspended,	. . . . .	3
restored,	. . . . .	1
left the Church,	. . . . .	3
removed,	. . . . .	3
deceased,	. . . . .	3—Total 150
Families added,	. . . . .	12—Total 100
Marriages,	. . . . .	7
Burials,	. . . . .	20

This congregation is now vacant, by the removal of its late Rector into the Diocese of Delaware. The congregation still assemble, and Divine Service, and a Sermon, is read every Lord's day, by one of the Wardens. They are desirous of obtaining another Clergyman, and think their religious prospects are very encouraging. It is their earnest prayer that the Lord of the

vineyard may send another faithful labourer into this part of our Episcopal Zion.

RICHARD D. HALL, *Rector.*

Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. Jackson Kemper, from committee appointed to examine the Journal of the last Convention, reported, that there did not appear to be any unfinished business.

On motion resolved, that the Convention proceed to the election of a standing committee, which shall act as a council of advice; and Deputies to the General Convention.

Upon counting the ballots, P. F. Glentworth, one of the tellers, reported, that the following gentlemen were elected a standing committee:

Clergymen.

Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
James Abercrombie, D. D.
James Wiltbank,
Jackson Kemper,
George Boyd.

Laymen.

William Tilghman,
Richard Dale,
Thomas M'Euen,
P. F. Glentworth,
Charles Wheeler.

And the following gentlemen, Deputies to the General Convention:

Clergymen.

Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
Jackson Kemper,
Thomas P. May,
George Boyd.

Laymen.

William Meredith.
Thomas M'Euen,
Samuel Sitgreaves,
Levi Pawling.

Daniel Bulkley, from Christ Church, Leacock Township, communicated that the vestry of that Church had requested him to inform the Convention that they were vacant, and wished to have their situation attended to by the Convention.

In compliance with what is required of each of the State Conventions,

Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
George Boyd,

Richard Dale, were appointed a committee to prepare a report on the state of the Church in this State, and to report to the next General Convention.

On motion, resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be

presented to the Rev. Levi Bull, for the Sermon which he preached before it.

Adjourned.

GEORGE BOYD, *Secretary.*

The following Clergymen did not attend this meeting of the Convention.

Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D.

Slator Clay,

John Campbell,

Rev. Robert Ayres,

John Taylor,

Francis Reno.

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Dr. Episcopate Fund in Pennsylvania, in account with P. F. Glentworth, Treas.

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1818. July 13th	To Cash paid Messrs. M'Euen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 96 99 of six per cent. stock at 103 adv.	98 93	1818. May 5th.	By a collection at St. John's Norris-Town, . . . arch,	10 01
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1819. Mar. 15th	To Cash paid Messrs. M'Euen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 69 58 six per cent. stock at 102½ per cent. adv.	71 32	July 7th.	By three months interest on United States, six per cent. stock,	68
April.	To Cash paid Messrs. M'Euen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 72 00 six per cent. stock at ½ per cent. adv.	72 36	13. Oct. 6th.	By a collection from St. Peter's, in the Valley, By three months interest on United States, six per cent. stock,	8 60 70 27
			1819. Jan. 12th.	By three months ditto . . .	71 32
			April.	By three months do. . .	72 36
		\$ 312 88			312 88
	Errors excepted.			P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer. Philadelphia, May 5th, 1819.	

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, in account with P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer. Cr.

1818.	1818.	1818.	1818.
May 6th.	To Cash paid Rev. Joseph Clarkson, his expenses to the last General Convention in New York,	35 00	By Balance,
8.	To Cash paid Clement R. Bowen, for his attendance on the late Convention, . .	1 50	By Cash contributed from St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 1816, 1817,
July 25th.	To Cash paid Bronson and Smith, for printing the 34th Journal,	27 00	Do. Trinity Church, Oxford,
Nov. 16th.	To Cash paid for taking two affidavits, by order of the Standing Committee, . .	2 00	do. All Saints, Lower Dublin,
	To Balance,	380 81	do. St. David's, Radnor,
			do. St. Paul's, Chester, 1816, 1817, 1818,
			do. St. James's, Lancaster, 6 years, . .
			do. Bangor, Carnarvon, 6 years,
			do. St. Gabriel's, Berks county,
			do. St. John's, Norris-Town, 1817 and 1818,
			do. St. John's, Northern Liberties, . .
			do. St. Paul's, Philadelphia,
			do. St. James's, Perkiomen,
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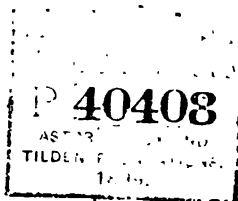
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{ St. Luke's Church, Ger-
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George Douglass,
John Brenise

{ St. Gabriel's Church, Am-
ity Township, Berks County.
St. John's Church, Yorktown.

Walter Kerr,
Abraham Philips,

{ St. Peter's Church, Great
Valley.

Matthias Holstein,

{ St. John's Church, Norris-
town.

Thomas H. White,

Christ Church, Philadelphia.

William Meredith,

{ St. Peter's Church, Phila-
delphia.

Thomas M'Euen.

Richard Dale.

John Read,

{ St. James's Church, Phila-
delphia.

Samuel Sitgreaves,

William Mc Call,

{ Trinity Church, Easton.

Jonathan Barrington.

Oxford Church:

John Price, Jun.

St John's Church, Concord.

Henry Hollingsworth,

John Mathews,

John Claxton,

{ St. Paul's Church, Phila-
delphia.

James Bean,

Charles Wheeler,

{ St. John's Church in the
Northern Liberties.

The Convention being thus assembled, proceeded to elect a Secretary, when the Rev. Mr. Boyd was chosen.

The list of the clergy entitled to seats in this convention, being called, in compliance with the 15th article of the general regulations in this state, the following persons were absent.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. { Rector of St. Paul's Church,
Philadelphia.

Slator Clay,	{ Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. Peter's, Great Valley.
Joseph Turner,	Residing in Philadelphia.
Robert Blackwell, D. D.	Residing in Philadelphia.
Levi Bull,	{ Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks county; St. Mary's, Chester county; and Bangor Church, Churchtown.
Robert Ayres	Residing in Brownsville.
Francis Reno,	{ Officiating in the Counties of Beaver and Alleghany.
John Taylor,	Residing in Pittsburgh.
George Sheets,	{ Rector of All Saints and Oxford Churches.
Jacob M. Douglass,	{ Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord.
Charles M. Dupuy,	{ Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
John Rodney, Jun.	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Easton
Manning B. Roche,	{ Missionary in Susquehanna county.
Charles G. Snowden,	{ Missionary at Millerstown and places adjacent.
William Richmond,	{ Performing Missionary services, in and near the city of Philadelphia.
John V. E. Thorn,	{ Officiating in the Churches at Carlisle, and Huntington.
Elijah G. Plam.	{ Principal of an academy and performing Missionary services at Northumberland.
Mr. Aisquith,	Rector of St. John's Church, Yorktown.

The following Lay Deputies, appointed by their respective Churches, were absent:

Levi Pawling, and
Philip S. Markley,

Jacob Ringwall
John Lightner,
Nathaniel Rutter,

William Tilghman,
Henry Pratt,

Daniel Smith,
John Miller, Jun.

John Dolby,

Serick Fox,

Henry Myers,

St. John's Church, Norristown

} Christ Church, Laycock.

Christ Church, Philadelphia.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Trinity Church, Easton.

Oxford Church.

St. John's Church, Concord.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, it was resolved, that the rules of order adopted by the Convention, in this state in 1814, be adopted as the rules of order of this Convention, and that they be now read.

On motion, resolved, that this Convention adjourns, to meet again at Christ Church, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Adjourned.

Christ church, Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Convention met.—Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Levi Bull, and a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Boyd. After which Samuel Sitgreaves, Junr. was admitted by the right Rev. Bishop White to the Holy order of Deacons.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

Upon calling over the names of the clergymen, and Lay Deputies, the following persons were present:

Clergymen.

Rt. Rev. Bishop White,

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.

Slator Clay,

Joseph Turner,

James Abercrombie, D. D.

Frederick Beasley, D. D.

Joseph Clarkson,

James Wiltbank,

Levi Bull,
 Jackson Kemper,
 George Boyd,
 George Sheets.
 Jacob M. Douglass,
 Wm. A. Muhlenberg.
 Charles M. Dupuy,

John Rodney, Jun.
 Samuel C. Brinkle,
 Bird Wilson,
 Manning B. Roche,
 William Richmond,
 Wm. Aisquith.

Lay Deputies.

James Stokes,
 Richard Bayley,
 John M. Price,
 David Jones,
 George Douglass,
 John Brenise,
 Walter Kerr,
 Abraham Philips,
 Levi Pawling,
 Matthias Holstein,
 Philip S. Markley,
 Thomas H. White,
 Daniel Smith,
 William Meredith,

John Miller, Jun.
 Thomas M'Euen,
 Richard Dale,
 Samuel Sitgreaves,
 William M'Call,
 Serick Fox,
 Jonathan Barrington,
 John Peirce, Jun.
 Henry Hollingsworth,
 John Matthews,
 John Claxton,
 James Bean,
 Joseph S. Riley,
 Charles Wheeler.

Certificates of the appointment of the following additional
 Lay Deputies were handed in:

Iaac Pawling,
 Samuel Shafer,
 John Templin,
 John Mc Elroy,
 James Wright,
 John Harrison,
 Thomas Ryerson,
 Zacheriah Derrick,
 David Marshall, Jun.
 John Burk,
 Richard Duffield,

} St. Mary's Church, Ches-
 ter County.

} St. James's Church, Bris-
 tol.

} St. Martin's Church, Mar-
 cus Hook.

} St. Thomas's Church,
 Whitemarsh.

William Brooke, George Wilson,	}	St. David's, Radnor
Peirce Crosby, George B. Lownes, Peter Deshong,	}	St. Paul's Church, Chester.

Of the foregoing, the following persons were present:

John Templin,	William Brooke,
John Mc Elroy,	George Wilson,
John Harrison,	Peirce Crosby,
Zacheriah Derrick,	George B. Lownes,
David Marshall, Jun.	Peter Deshong.
Richard Duffield,	

In compliance with the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Rt. Rev. Bishop White delivered the following address:

**BRETHREN, THE CLERGY, AND THE LAY DEPUTIES OF THIS
CONVENTION.**

In addition to the confirmations held by me in this city, I preached and confirmed in St. John's church, Norristown, on the 8th of August; and from that place proceeded the next day to St. Gabriel's church, Morlattan; where I also preached and held a confirmation. At the former of these places, I have since preached and held a confirmation, on the 26th day of March. On the 10th of October, I preached three times and confirmed, in Wilmington, in the state of Delaware. On the 7th of November, I preached and confirmed in St. James's church, Bristol; on the 21st of the same month, I performed the same exercises in St. Thomas's church, Whitemarsh; and on the 19th of December, I did the same in St. Luke's church, Germantown.

The number of persons confirmed, is 274.

Those ordained by me since the last convention, are, to the order of priests, the Rev. John V. E. Thorn, the Rev.

Bird Wilson, and the Rev. Samuel Bacon; and to that of deacons, Charles Snowden, John Johns, and the same Samuel Bacon. This second ordination, performed so soon after the first, agreeably to a power vested by the canons, was owing to his destination to the western coast of Africa, under the appointment of the executive of the United States. It was supposed, that he might be thus the better qualified to be useful in a religious line, to the emigrants. In addition to the ordinations stated, it is proper to record, that Samuel Sitgreaves, Jun. has been this day ordained a deacon in your presence.

Those taken on the list of candidates, since the last convention, on the recommendation of the standing committee, are Samuel Marks, Charles P. M'Ilvaine, Ephraim Bacon, James Doughen, John P. Bankson, Robert Piggot, and Richard Hugh Morgan.

The Rev. John V. E. Thorn, who had been ordained a deacon in the diocese of New York, has been settled in Carlisle; and, of course, is now a clergyman of this state. The Rev. John Johns, soon after his ordination as a deacon, settled in the diocese of Maryland. The Rev. Mr. Aisquith, has settled in Yorktown, having removed to that place from the diocese of Virginia. The Rev. William Richmond, who had been ordained a deacon in New York, has been and continues in the service of the society for the advancement of christianity. He is, therefore, to be considered as resident in this state.

At the last convention, the name of the Rev. Caleb Hopkins was omitted from the list of the clergy, under the belief that he had left, or was leaving this diocese: having obtained letters of dismission from me with that intent. But as he still resides here, I mention it, that his name may be replaced.

It gives me pleasure to record, that since the last convention, three churches are begun to be erected in the diocese.



One of them, is in the city of Lancaster, on the site of the old and decayed church. Another, is in Easton, Northampton county; and the third, is in Mantua, in the neighbourhood of this city. In the last two, the congregations are small, but are making great exertions for the accomplishment of their respective undertakings.

Our ministry has received a heavy loss, in the much lamented decease of the Rev. Thomas P. May, rector of St. John's church, Norristown, and of St. Thomas's church, Whitmarsh. After giving the fairest promise of future usefulness, he has been taken from us by one of the inscrutable visitations of Divine Providence. It is an alleviation of the loss, to the congregations whose esteem and affection he possessed, that there was residing within their bounds the Rev. Bird Wilson, recently ordained, but long known among them by his able and faithful discharge of the duties of a highly responsible office in the judiciary department; and who, without delay, was chosen and settled as their pastor.

It will fall within the purpose of this address, to record a visit made by me in October last, to the city of New Haven; and of my then and there consecrating to the episcopal office the Rev. Thomas C. Brownell, for the respectable diocese of Connecticut.

As the general convention are expected to meet in this city on the 16th instant, it will be expected of your deputies, to be prepared to vote on the question of changing the time of future conventions from the Spring to the Autumn. This is mentioned, in order to guard against a difficulty similar to that which arose on a former occasion, in consequence of an uncertainty, whether a reference from a general convention had been communicated to a convention of this state.

For the same reason, and lest the subject should be lost sight of, it may be proper to state, that the general convention will expect of the several diocesan conventions, reports on the state of the church within their respective bounds. With

a view to this object, a committee was appointed at the last convention of this diocese: but they will not be able to complete their report, until they shall have had before them the returns required by the parochial reports of the clergy.

Some unexpected occurrences have prevented the giving of a beginning to a general collection for the theological school located in New York. But there has been a beginning of the education of this important institution, under two professors. We may hope, that the time is not distant, when it will be extended on a larger scale; and that the members of our church in this state, will not be backward in their contributions.

The society for the advancement of Christianity, although the scantiness of its funds has prevented as extensive exertions as in some former years, has nevertheless been able to send the preached word to many places where it is not often heard, as well as to institute a domestic mission in the neighbourhood of the city. In proportion as the need of the beneficence of this society shall become known, there will be perceived an essential call for it in this diocese; over the extent of which there are scattered settlements of Episcopalians, each of them being too few to provide for a gospel ministry among themselves.

Although the means of the missionary society are still more limited than those of her elder sister, yet there have not been wanting contributions of aid towards the spreading of the gospel in the western regions of this continent; and it ought to be mentioned to the honour of the body now spoken of, that it has been instrumental in preparing for an event in which we all rejoice—the organizing of our church in the great and growing state of Ohio. The same society have extended their beneficence towards the supply of catechists, in aid of the reverend gentleman who has undertaken the pastoral charge of the episcopalian proportion of the population, who have lately migrated or intend soon to migrate

to the western coast of Africa. The zeal of the society has also moved them to digest a scheme of a missionary society, to extend over the American union. It will be submitted to this convention, with the views of engaging their approbation, as a step towards the submitting of it to the representative body of the whole church, soon to be assembled.

Our Sunday schools are in full possession of their grade of usefulness, and perhaps it may be said to be on the increase. When your bishop holds up to you the importance of making instruction in the schools of this description, a branch of the religious instruction growing out of the principles of our church, it is not from ill-will towards any respectable societies professing our common faith; but, it is from the desire of living at peace with them all; and under the conviction, that we should rejoice at the success of one another, in the extension of the kingdom of the Redeemer.

The society for the distribution of tracts, and that for the printing and distributing of Prayer Books, are in successful operation, and would be much more so, were it generally known, at what a small expense contributors to those institutions may have it in their power to be extensively useful. The widows' fund is likely to increase considerably from a cause to be lamented, that the clergy generally are not anxious to purchase an interest in it, for their families.

Towards the accomplishment of the object, of some of the societies mentioned, there is an institution, in which there may be a union of all who come under the name of christian, without their surrendering of any article of their respective creeds. That institution, is the society for the distributing of Bibles without note or comment. The benevolence of the design, and the good already achieved by it, are strong inducements to the maintaining of the principles on which it was founded: since it is liable to be perverted to sectarian views; which may be done without printed notes or comments, by verbal instructions intended to supply their place.

In conclusion, permit your bishop to remind you all, and especially the clerical members of your body, that there is at present, on the public mind, a degree of religious sensibility not always to be met with, and inviting improvement to its proper uses. When our Saviour began his ministry, he alluded to circumstances of this description, under the metaphor of a field, "white to harvest." The spirit of the sentiment, is applicable to the present point of time. It is the wish of him who now addresses you, to bestow on this good work the small remainder of his life, in proportion as his health and strength may qualify him: and he now affectionately exhorts his brethren to concur with him in endeavours, of which they are more likely than himself to see the fruit.

WILLIAM WHITE.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, secretary of the standing committee, in compliance with one of the rules and regulations of this church, read the minutes of the proceedings of that committee during the last year.

A communication from the rector, wardens, and vestrymen of a new congregation, lately formed at Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County was read; and another from the congregation at Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, of the same import, in which they request to be admitted into connection with the churches represented in this convention.

This application was referred to William Meredith, and the Rev. Frederic Beasley, a committee to examine whether in the present instance, those interested had complied with all the regulations required, and to report.

A letter was read by the Rev. Jackson Kemper from the Rev. Caleb Hopkins, requesting that his name may be restored to the list of clergy in this state:* and also apologizing for his not attending this convention.

* The name of the Rev. Caleb Hopkins was omitted in the list, under the impression that he had removed into another Diocese.

On motion, resolved, that the apology of the Rev. Caleb Hopkins be admitted.

Mr. Mc Euen presented the Reports of Dr. Glentworth, who had acted as treasurer both of the convention, and of the Episcopal fund; which were read. As Dr. Glentworth has removed with his family into another state, he was under the necessity of relinquishing his offices.

Whereupon, on motion it was resolved, that the thanks of this convention be presented to Dr. Glentworth, for the faithful manner in which he had performed the duties of Treasurer.

On motion of Mr. Kemper, it was *resolved* that in future, a treasurer of the convention and of the Episcopal fund, shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual convention of this Diocess, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next convention. He shall perform all the duties usually appertaining to the office of a treasurer. His accounts shall close on the Tuesday before the meeting of the convention, and shall be submitted to the examination of the standing committee of the Diocess. And the said standing committee shall report thereon to the Convention.

On motion, resolved, that the convention now proceed to elect a treasurer, whereupon John Read, Esq. was unanimously chosen.

According to the requisition of the 45th canon of the General Convention, the clergy presented the following parochial reports.

Report from St. John's Church, Yorktown.

REV. MR. AISQUITH, *Rector.*

Communicants,	35
Baptisms,	1
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3

Report from the congregations of St. John's Church, Carlisle, and Christ Church, Huntington, Adams County.

JOHN V. E. THORN, Minister.

Communicants, added,	-	-	27—Total 53
Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	12
Infants,	-	-	37—Total 49
Marriages,	-	-	3
Funerals,	-	-	6

Report of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

JOSEPH PILMORE, Rector.

Communicants,	220
Baptisms,	80
Marriages,	58
Burials,	50

Report of St. John's Church, New London Cross Roads, Chester County. By the Rev. Richard D. Hall, who visits it occasionally.

Communicants about	-	-	20
Baptisms, Infants,	-	-	4
Marriages,	-	-	1
Families about,	-	-	50
Deaths, adult,	-	-	1

Report of St. James, the greater, Bristol, now vacant.

Communicants added,	-	-	4
Dead,	-	-	2
Removed,	-	-	3—Total 152
Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	2
Infants,	-	-	7—Total 9
Marriages,	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	20

*Report of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's in
the city of Philadelphia.*

WILLIAM WHITE, *Rector.*

Communicants about,	-	-	425
Baptisms,	-	-	173
Burials,	-	-	132
Marriages,	-	-	70

Report of Trinity and All Saints' Churches.

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Communicants,	-	-	52
Baptisms,	-	-	7
Marriages,	-	-	13
Burials,	-	-	32

Report of St. James's Church, Muncy Creek.

CALEB HOPKINS, *Rector.*

Communicants,	-	-	25
Baptisms, Adults,	-	-	9
Infants,	-	-	49

Report of St. David's Church, Radnor.

S. C. BRINKLE, *Rector.*

Communicants, (added 7,)	.	.	Total 8
Baptisms, Adults,	.	.	8
Infants,	.	.	2—Total 10

Report of St. John's Church, Norristown.

BIRD WILSON, *Rector.*

Communicants, added,	.	.	30
died,	.	.	1—Total 54
Baptisms, Adults,	.	.	24
Infants,	.	.	47—Total 71

Marriages,	2
Funerals, Members,	4
Strangers,	3—7

Report of St. James's Church, Lancaster; St. John's Church, Pequea; and Christ Church, Laycock.

JOSEPH CLARKSON, Rector.

<i>St. James's Church.</i>	{ Baptisms, Infants, 11	
	{ Coloured Persons, 2—13	
	{ Burials, 12	

<i>St. John's.</i>	{ Baptisms, Infants, 11	
	{ Adults, 7—18	
	{ Burials, 6	

<i>Christ Church.</i>	{ Baptisms, Infants, 34	
	{ Adults, 10—44	
	{ Burials, 8	

Marriages,	20
Communicants.	45

Report of St. Paul's Church, Chester; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook; and St. John's, Concord.

JACOB M. DOUGLASS, Rector.

Baptisms, Adults,	11
Infants,	8—19
Communicants,	72
Marriages,	15
Funerals.	88

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Amity Township; and St. Mary's, Chester County.

LEVI BULL, Rector.

<i>St. Gabriel's.</i>	{ Communicants, 126	
	{ Marriages, 2	
	{ Baptisms, 9	
	{ Burials, 5	

<i>St. Mary's.</i>	{ Communicants, 80	
	{ Baptisms, Adults, 13	
	{ Infants, 22—35	
	{ Marriages, 13	

Report of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM RICHMOND,

Late Minister for a short period.

Communicants,	30
Baptisms, Infants,	28
Marriages,	2
Burials.	1

*Report of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.*CHARLES M. DUPUY, *Rector.*

Communicants,	30
Baptisms, Adults,	3
Infants,	24—27
Marriages,	4
Funerals.	6

*Report of Trinity Church, Easton.*JOHN RODNEY, JUN. *Rector.*

Communicants, added,	.	.	10
Removed,	.	.	6
Present Members,	.	.	20
Baptisms, In Easton,	.	.	8
Out of Easton,	.	.	16—24
Burials,	.	.	2

*Report of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties.*GEORGE BOYD, *Rector.*

Communicants, added,	.	.	11
Removed,	.	.	10
Left off the list for non attendance, for more than 12 months.	.	.	4
At present attending,	.	.	88
Baptisms, Infants,	.	.	20
Adults,	.	.	2—22
Marriages,	.	.	9
Funerals,	.	.	6

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Kemper, and laid upon the table.

In order that the 45th canon of the general convention may be carried into full effect, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Clergy, to state in their reports to the convention the number of Adult baptisms, (if any) that have been performed by them, and to give an account of the Adult and Sunday schools in their congregations.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock P. M. Mr. Kemper's resolution proposed in the morning, was called up, and adopted.

The following resolution was now proposed by the same gentlemen, and adopted.

Resolved, that the deputies from this body, to the general convention to sit in this city, on the 16th of the present month, are hereby instructed to use their best endeavours for the immediate and permanent establishment of a general Theological Seminary:

But if the plan of such a Seminary, should be abandoned by the general convention; it shall be the duty of the standing committee of this diocese, to make the most strenuous exertions, with the approbation of the bishop, to raise a fund for the support of a Theological professor, and to adopt all such measures as shall appear to them expedient, to insure to the Church, a ministry of pious and learned men.

The following resolution was offered, by the Rev. Levi Bull, and after a long debate was rejected.

Whereas, in every well regulated society, those only, should be appointed to administer its affairs, who are acquainted with the principles upon which it is established. *And whereas*, the officers of the church of Christ, are sometimes called upon to act in cases, involving great spiritual accountability, and affecting the reputation, and best interests of believers:

Therefore, resolved, that it is earnestly recommended to all the Churches, represented in this Convention, that in the appointments of their representatives, who are to exercise any *responsible duties*, * they select such persons as have complied with the ordinances, and are esteemed for their piety and godly life.

The committee appointed on the subject of the applications from the new Congregations, at Muncy Creek, and at Huntingdon, reported, that although the papers were in some respects informal, they would recommend that the Congregations referred to be received into connection with this convention; whereupon on motion, it was resolved that St. James's Church, Muncy Creek; and the Church at Huntingdon, be received in connexion, with the Churches, in this Convention.

The thanks of the Convention, were voted to the Rev. Mr. Boyd, for his Sermon, preached before them.

On motion, *resolved*, that in the opinion of this Convention, it is highly desirable that such an alteration of the Canons of the General Convention should take place, as will make the first examination a requisite for admission as a candidate for holy orders.

The Convention proceeded to the election of the standing committee, who are to act as a council of advice, and of deputies to the general Convention.

Upon counting the ballots, the following persons appeared to be chosen.

* The words *responsible duties*, are an amendment of the original resolution, it stood—*any spiritual jurisdiction, &c.*

*Standing Committee.**Clergymen.*

Rev. Frederic Beasley,
 James Abercrombie,
 James Wiltbank,
 Jackson Kemper,
 George Boyd,

Laymen.

William Tilghman,
 Richard Dale,
 Thomas M'Euen,
 Charles Wheeler,
 John Read.

*Deputies to the General Convention,**Clergymen.*

Rev. Levi Bull,
 Jackson Kemper,
 Bird Wilson,
 George Boyd.

Laymen.

Samuel Sitgreaves,
 William Meredith,
 Thomas M'Euen,
 Walter Kerr.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, and adopted.

Resolved, that this Convention highly approve the design referred to, in the Bishop's Address, of the establishment of a general society, for *foreign and domestic* missions; and hope that such an institution, will be formed by the general Convention.

Adjourned.

GEORGE BOYD, *Secretary.*

The following Clergymen entitled to seats did not attend this meeting of the Convention.

Rev. Robert Blackwell,
 Robert Ayres,
 Francis Reno,
 John V. E. Thorn,
 Caleb Hopkins.

Slator Clay,
 John Taylor,
 Charles G. Snowden,
 Elijah G. Plumb.

Dr. *Episcopate Fund in Pennsylvania, in account with P. F. Glentworth, Treasurer.* Cr.

1819		1820		1821	
May 6th.	To cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale and Davidson for \$ 264 96 six per cent. stock at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$ adv.	268 93		By a collection at St. Paul's Church, Chester, do St. John's, Norristown,	18 00
Aug. 4th.	To Cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 76 08 six per cent. stock at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$ adv.	77 41		do St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	5 72
Nov.	To Cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 82 76 six per cent. stock at 103 $\frac{1}{4}$ adv.	85 46		do All Saints, Lower Dublin,	8 50
				do Christ Church, Philadelphia,	6 04
				do St. Peter's, do	67 40
				do St. James's, do	46 27
Feb. 1st	To Cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 77 35 six per cent. stock.	79 80		By three months interest on United States, six per cent. stock,	117
	To Cash paid Messrs. McEuen, Hale and Davidson, for \$ 407 08 six per cent. stock at 4 per cent. adv.	423 36		By three months interest on United States six per cent. stock,	77 41
				By a collection at Trinity Church, Oxford,	78 50
				do All Saints, Lower Dublin,	6 96
				do St. Peter's, Valley,	79 80
				do Christ Church, Philadelphia,	4 97
				do St. Peter's, do	9 97
				do St. James', do	5 79
					87 32
					88 76
					146 75
					<u>934 96</u>

P. F. GLENTWORTH, Treasurer.
Philadelphia, May 2nd, 1820.

Dr. *Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, in account with P. F. Glenhworth, Treasurer.* Cr.

1819.		1819.		
May 5th.	To Cash paid Clement R. Bowen, for his attendance on the Convention, - - - - -	4 00	By Balance, - - - - -	\$80 81
Aug. 27th.	To Cash paid S. Potter & Co., for printing the 35th Journal, - - - - -	\$3 50	By Cash contributed from St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 1818, 1819, - - - - -	10 00
	To Balance, - - - - -	428 31	do Trinity Church, Oxford, - - - - -	5 00
			do St. David's, Radnor, - - - - -	5 00
			do All Saints, Lower Dublin, - - - - -	5 00
			do St. John's, Concord, - - - - -	5 00
			do St. Paul's, Chester, - - - - -	5 00
			do St. John's, Northern Liberties, - - - - -	20 00
			do St. Paul's, Philadelphia, - - - - -	20 00
			do Trinity, Oxford, - - - - -	5 00
			do All Saints, Lower Dublin, - - - - -	5 00
				\$ 465 81
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Errors excepted.		P. F. GLENTWORTH.
		Philadelphia, May 5, 1820.

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Philadelphia, May 5, 1820.

Errors excepted.

*Amount of Episcopate Fund in United States, six per cent.
stock.*

No. 1612 of 1813, dated 20th October, 1813	-	-	850 00
491 1813, 15th June, 1814	-	-	869 14
336 1814, 30th May, 1815	-	-	609 62
4612 1813, 3d July, 1815	-	-	53 20
578 1813, 7th October, 1815	-	-	39 87
1399 1813, 11th March, 1816	-	-	36 86
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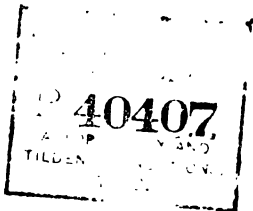
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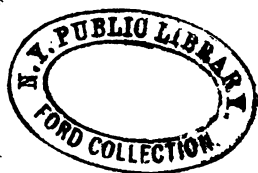
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May 1st, 1821, 5 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania, for the meeting of the Annual Convention, the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the diocese, with the following Clergymen, and Lay Deputies, attended in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

NAMES OF CLERGYMEN PRESENT.

Rev. Frederick Beasley,	{ Provost of the University of Pennsylvania.
James Wiltbank,	{ Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania.
Jackson Kemper,	{ Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.
George Boyd,	{ Rector of St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties.
George Sheets,	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Low- er Dublin.
Charles M. Dupuy,	{ Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
Wm. A. Muhlenberg,	{ Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequa.
John Rodney, jr.	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

Samuel C. Brinkle,	{ Rector of St. David's, Rad-
	{ nor, and St. John's, Concord.
Manning B. Roche,	{ Rector of Trinity Church,
	{ Southwark.
Bird Wilson,	{ Rector of St. John's Church,
	{ Norristown, and St. Tho-
	{ mas's, White Marsh.

NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Thomas Ryerson,	{ St. Martin's Church, Mar-
David Marshall, jr.	{ cus Hook.
Thomas Robinson,	
James Bean,	{ St. John's, Northern Liber-
Edward D. Corfield,	{ ties.
George Douglass,	{ St. Gabriel's, Amity Town-
	{ ship, Berks County.
William S. Coxe,	Trinity Church, Easton.
John Golder,	{ Trinity Church, South
	{ Marsh.
John Yeates,	{ St. John's, Pequa.
Barton Henderson,	
Thomas H. White,	{ Christ Church, Philadel-
	{ phia.
John Miller, jr.	{ St. Peter's Church, Phila-
William Meredith,	{ delphia.
Thomas M'Euen,	{ St. James's Church, Phila-
John Reat,	{ delphia.
Walter Kerr,	St. Peter's, Great Valley.
Jesse Bean,	St. James's, Perkiomen.
John Mathews,	{ St. Paul's, Philadelphia.
John Claxton,	
Ebenezer Bowman,	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.

The Convention being thus assembled, proceeded to elect a Secretary, when the Rev. George Boyd was chosen.

The names of the Clergymen entitled to seats in the Con-

vention being called over, in compliance with the 15th article of the general regulations, the following persons were absent

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. { Residing in the city of Philadelphia.*

Robt. Blackwell, D. D. { Residing in the city of Philadelphia.

Slator Clay, { Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen.

Joseph Turner, Residing in Philadelphia.

Joseph Clarkson, { Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's Pequa, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock.

Levi Bull, { Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks County, St. Mary's, Chester County, and Bangor Church, Churchtown.

Robert Ayres, Residing in Brownsville.

Francis Reno, { Officiating in the Counties of Beaver and Alleghany.

John Taylor, Residing in Pittsburgh.

Caleb Hopkins, { Rector of St. James's Church, Moncy Creek, Lycoming County, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia County.

James Montgomery, Residing near Philadelphia.

Charles G. Snowden, { Rector of the Churches in Huntingdon and Shurleysburgh, Huntingdon County.

George H. Woodruff, { Rector of the Church in Carlisle.

The following Lay Deputies, appointed by their respective Churches, were absent:

Joseph S. Riley, { St. John's Church, Northern Liberties.

* The Rev. Dr. Pilmore has lately resigned the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, in this city, on account of the infirmities of age.

John Dolby,
Samuel Sitgreaves,

Thomas T. Stiles,
George Gardiner,

William Tilghman,
Henry Pratt,

William Philips,

Richard Dale,

Cromwell Pearte,
William Casselberry,
Henry Hollingsworth,

} Trinity Church, Easton.

} Trinity Church, South-
wark.

} Christ Church, Philadel-
phia.

} St. Peter's Church, Phila-
delphia.

} St. James's Church, Phila-
delphia.

St. Peter's, Great Valley.

St. James's, Perkiomen.

St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

William R. Smith was appointed a Lay Deputy for the Church at Huntingdon, but did not arrive in town until the Convention had adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Meredith—*Resolved*, That the rules of order adopted by this Convention in 1814, be the rules by which the business of this Convention shall be conducted, except so far as they may be hereafter altered or dispensed with.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Convention adjourn to meet again at St. James's Church, to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—Adjourned.

St. James's Church, Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.

Convention met.—Divine service was performed by the Rev. Levi Bull, and a sermon preached by the Rev. George Sheets.

The minutes of the last meeting were read.

The following additional certificates were handed in by Lay Deputies, who were not present yesterday.

Joseph Ashton, Nathaniel Lewis,	}	All Saints, Lower Dublin.
James Stokes, Thomas Armat, John M. Price,	}	St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
Jonathan Clift, Abraham Duffield,	}	Trinity Church, Oxford.
Philip Sheaff, John Hunter,	}	St. David's, Radnor.
John M'Elroy, John Harrisson,	}	St. James's, the Greater Bristol.
Edward Coleman,		St. James's, Lancaster.
Levi Pawling, Mathias Holstein, David St. Claire,	}	St. John's, Norristown.
John Peirce, jr. Isaac Arment,	}	St. John's, Concord.

The names of the Clergymen and Lay Deputies being called over, the following persons were present.

NAMES OF CLERGYMEN PRESENT.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.	James Montgomery,
Rev. Jas. Abercrombie, D. D.	Charles M. Dupuy,
Fredk. Beasley, D. D.	Wm. A. Muhlenberg,
Levi Bull,	John Rodney, jr.
Jackson Kemper,	Samuel C. Brinkle,
George Boyd,	Bird Wilson,
George Sheets,	Manning B. Roche.

NAMES OF THE LAY DEPUTIES PRESENT.

Thomas Ryerson,	Edward D. Corfield,
David Marshall, jr.	George Douglass,
Thomas Robinson,	William S. Coxe,
James Bean,	John Golder,

Thomas T. Stiles,
 George Gardiner,
 John Yeates,
 Barton Henderson,
 Thomas H. White,
 Henry Pratt,
 John Miller, jr.
 William Meredith,
 William Philips,
 Thomas M'Euen,
 John Read,
 Richard Dale,
 Walter Kerr,
 Jesse Bean,
 John Mathews,
 John Claxton,
 Henry Hollingsworth,

Ebenezer Bowman,
 Joseph Ashton,
 Nathaniel Lewis,
 John M. Price,
 Jonathan Clift,
 Abraham Duffield,
 Philip Sheaff,
 John Hunter,
 John M'Elroy,
 John Harrison,
 Edward Coleman,
 Levi Pawling,
 Mathias Holstein,
 Daniel St. Clair,
 John Peirce, jr.
 Isaac Arment.

In compliance with the 45th canon of the General Convention, the Rt. Rev. Bishop White delivered the following address.

**BRETHREN, THE CLERGY AND THE LAY DEPUTIES OF THIS
CONVENTION,**

On the 5th of June last, I preached and confirmed in Wilmington, in the state of Delaware. In the afternoon and the evening of the same day, I preached twice in the church in Newcastle, in the same state; and, the next day, I preached and confirmed in St. John's church, New-London, in Chester county, in this state. On the 28th of July, I preached and confirmed in St. David's church, Radnor, Chester county. October 15th, I preached in St. James's church, in the city of Lancaster; and on the same day I consecrated the said church, erected on the site of a former church. On the next

day I held a confirmation in the same, and ordained to the priesthood the Rev. Charles G. Snowden. On the next day, I held a confirmation in Christ church, Leacock township, of the same county; and on the next, I did the same in St. John's church, Pequa, in the same county.

On the 29th of the same month, I preached in and consecrated Trinity church, in the borough of Easton, and administered the holy office of confirmation. And on the next day, I ordained to the office of priest the Rev. John Rodney, the rector of the said church.

Besides the ordinations already noticed, on the 8th day of June, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Samuel C. Brinkle, and to the holy office of deacons, Charles P. M'Ilvaine. And on the 24th day of December, I ordained to the holy office of priests, the Rev. Manning B. Roche.

During the last year, there have been entered as candidates for the ministry, Mr. Henry Mason, Mr. J. R. Goodman, and Mr. Matthew Matthews.

The number confirmed, within the last year, is 218.

The Rev. Jacob M. Douglas has removed from this diocess to that of Jersey. The Rev. George Woodruff, late of the diocess of New Jersey, has lately taken charge of the church in Carlisle. The Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine, soon after his ordination, removed to the diocess of Maryland. Since the last convention, the Rev. Charles Snowden has removed from his former connexion, to Huntingdon on the Juniata.

It is painful to me to record, that within these few days, I have received information of the decease of the Rev. Elijah G. Plumb, of Northumberland.

On the 25th of last month, I laid the corner stone of a new church in Southwark, to be known by the name of Trinity church.

It is much to be regretted, that the society for the ad-

vancement of Christianity has materially felt the pressure of the times. They however persevere to the extent of the encouragement bestowed. In the ensuing season, their exertions will be on a smaller scale than heretofore; but the hope is cherished, that there will not be abandoned this charitable expedient for the sending of occasional aid to vicinities, in which the members of our communion are too few or too poor to provide for a settled ministry among themselves.

In the address at the last annual convention, there was mentioned a digested scheme of a missionary society, to extend over the American union. Such a scheme was accordingly proposed, and adopted by the general convention; but in consequence of an irregularity in enacting, it has not hitherto been possible to carry the design into effect. It has been an unfortunate result, that the missionary society which had existed in this city for a few years, has been dormant, under the expectation of another on a more enlarged plan.

Our Prayer Book society have their stereo-type still in operation, but are obliged to a temporary suspension of gratuitous distribution; and for a while to confer no further benefit, than the furnishing of the book at a very low price.

Our Sunday schools continue their beneficial operation. We may hope that it will be more and more felt; and that there will be an honourable emulation among different religious societies, in regard to the mass of good to be respectively achieved by them. On this ground, they may all cultivate esteem for one another. But in our church it is essential to this object, that there should be excluded all exterior influence: which, instead of producing liberality, as is imagined by some, is sure to lead to contention, having never been attempted, without the exaction of our yielding some of the properties of our system, conceived of by us as important.

The Female Tract Society have not relaxed either in their exertions or in their usefulness; and the interest which has

been taken in these small productions, may reasonably be considered as evidence of the merits of their selections.

It ought to be considered as evidencing an interest taken in the future comfort of the families of the clergy of this diocese, when there is again mentioned to them the growth of the fund in which an annuity may be purchased; although it is a benefit of which very few avail themselves.

That very important institution, the Bible society, has suffered, like every other, from the decay of trade. It is mentioned, that there may be continued and increased, the interest which the members of our communion have taken in its concerns.

Since our last assembling, the theological school, at first located in New York, has been transferred to New Haven. There is a board of agents in this city, for the furthering of the designs of that important seminary. They propose soon to begin the work of soliciting contributions for its endowment. It ought to be presumed, that all the members of this body will bestow their best endeavours, for the accomplishing of what the collective wisdom of the church has judged the best expedient for the attaining of an object, which must meet the wishes of us all.

To the members of convention, now assembled, both clerical and lay, the enumerated institutions may be proposed, as means of extending the kingdom of God on earth. But to give them effect, there must be from the clergy the faithful administration, and on the part of the laity a due attendance on those ordinances, which constitute and continue us the subjects of that kingdom, and are its appointed seals. Even this will be insufficient to give to our exertions any considerable effect, independently on a suitable life and conversation; without which, there cannot be sufficient evidence of an interesting of the affections, in a cause possessed of so inadequate an influence over its patrons.

May 2, 1801.

WM. WHITE.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Kemper—*Resolved*, That St. Stephen's Church, in the town of Wilkesbarre, be received into connection with the Churches represented in this convention.

The Rev. Mr. Kemper, Secretary of the Standing Committee, in compliance with one of the rules of this church, read the minutes of the proceedings of that body during the last year.

The following communication was received from the rector, wardens, and vestry of Trinity Church, Southwark, and read.

To all to whom these presents shall come:

We the undersigned, do certify that, a number of the inhabitants of the district of Southwark, in the county of Philadelphia, have for some time associated themselves for the purpose of erecting a Protestant Episcopal Church, in the said district, and have regularly assembled for the purpose of worship, according to the doctrines and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

We do therefore desire that the said congregation, now known by the name of Trinity Church, be admitted into the Convention of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

M. B. ROCHE, Rector of said Church.

THOMAS T. STILES. } Vestry.
JOHN GOLDER. }

Attest, GEORGE GARDINER, Acting Warden.

Whereupon on motion of Mr. Meredith—*Resolved*, That Trinity Church, lately organized in the district of Southwark, be admitted into connection with the churches represented in this convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery—*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to devise a plan for the

future admission of churches into the union of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

Whereupon the following persons were appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. Mr. Montgomery, Rev. Mr. Sheets, Fredk. Beasley, D. D.

The following communication having been received from the Rev. John C. Rudd, Assistant Secretary of the General Convention, was read.

At a meeting of the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, held in St. James' church, Philadelphia, in the month of May, 1820,

Richard Harrisson, esq. offered the following resolution and proposed alteration of the constitution, which resolution was adopted, and sent to the house of bishops.

Resolved, That it be made known to the several state conventions of this church, that it is proposed to consider at the next general convention, and if deemed expedient, finally to ratify, the following alterations of the first article of the constitution: By striking out so much of the first article as relates to the time of holding the general convention, and by inserting, after the words "United States of America," in the said article, the words "at such time in every third year, and;"—and further, by inserting after the word "convention," the following clause; "and in case there shall be an epidemic disease, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed on for any such meeting of the convention, the presiding bishop shall have it in his power to appoint another convenient place, (as near as may be to the place fixed on) for the holding of such convention."

Extract from the Journal.

JOHN C. RUDD, *Assistant Secretary.*

House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

Adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The parochial reports of the Clergy were called for and read.

Parochial Report—Trinity Church, Easton.

JOHN RODNEY, JUN. *Rector.*

The number of Communicants at present, is 28, 8 of whom have been added since the last convention.

12 Baptisms have been performed, 10 children and 2 adults.

Marriages, 2

Deaths, 4

The congregation at Easton, is prosperous. Within the last year, they have completed a fine church at a cost including the ground, of about 5,000 dollars. There is now a flourishing Sunday School attached to it. The school consists of 125 scholars of both sexes, under the instruction of 12 female and 8 male teachers.

St. David's, Radnor.

Baptisms, (adults) 5

Communicants, 16

Burials unknown,

St. John's, Concord.

Baptisms none,

Communicants, 16

Burials, 9

S. C. Brinckle.

In the first of these churches, is a Sunday School containing between 40 and 50 children. S. C. B.

Report of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, (1 adult,) 115

Burials, 122

Communicants, about 425

St. James's Church, Lancaster.

JOSEPH CLARKSON,	}	<i>Rectors.</i>
WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,		

Baptisms, (of which 4 were adults,)	21
Marriages,	20
Communicants,	35
Burials,	9

A new and elegant church, erected on the site of the old church, was completed in October last, and consecrated by the Bishop.

A Sunday School House, will soon be finished.

St. John's, Pequa.

JOSEPH CLARKSON,	}	<i>Rectors.</i>
WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,		

Baptisms, (7 adults,)	31
Burials,	7
Communicants,	20

Christ Church, Leacock.

JOSEPH CLARKSON,	<i>Rector.</i>
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Baptisms, (12 adults,)	45
Burials,	5
Communicants,	10

Report of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

CHARLES MEREDITH DUPUY,	<i>Rector.</i>
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Baptisms,	5
Communicants,	23
Removed,	7
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	4

A Sunday School is attached to this church, which was formed in August, 1818. It consists of about seventy scholars, forty of their number are Catechumens.

Report to the State Convention in May 1821, from St. John's Church, Norristown.

BIRD WILSON, Rector.

Baptisms, (adults,)	7	
Children,	11	18
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		11
Communicants,		
Nunber at last Convention,	54	
Added since,	17	
Died,	2	
Removed from the neighbour-		
hood,	8	
Present Number,		61

The Sunday School of this church, is in a good condition. Fifty pupils are on the roll; and about forty usually attend, who are under the care of nine ladies belonging to the congregation. Attention to it is increasing.

Returns from St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh.

BIRD WILSON, Rector.

Marriages,		1
Communicants,		
At last Report,	5	
Removed,	5	
Added,	4	
Present Number,		8

St. John's Church, N. L.

GEORGE BOYD, Rector.

Communicants,		124
Baptisms,		31
Adults,	4	
Infants,	28	
Marriages,		9

There are two Sunday Schools, attached to this church, one for boys, the other for girls, both of which are in a flourishing condition—about 160 children are regularly receiving the benefits of instruction.

Report of Baptisms, Marriages, &c. of the Congregation of St. Mary's Church, Chester County, Pennsylvania, from May 1820, to May 1821.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Baptisms, adults,	7
Children,	18
Marriages,	22
Communicants,	84
Funerals, not ascertained.	

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Communicants,	126
Marriages,	1
Baptisms,	20
Funerals,	6

Report of Trinity, and All Saint's Church.

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Communicants,	55
Baptisms,	11
Marriages,	9
Burials,	26

Report of Bangor Church, Churchtown.

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Communicants,	35
Marriages,	0
Baptisms,	10
Funerals, not ascertained,	

Attached to Bangor Church, is a Sunday School, consisting of about 140 pupils, in a flourishing state.

Report from St. James's Church, the greater Bristol.

J. M. ELROY, *Warden.*

Communicants,	150
Removed,	2
Died,	2
Baptisms,	8
Burials,	23

There are three Sunday Schools attached to this Church, containing between two and three hundred children, in a flourishing state.

Report from the Records of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	7 Adults, and 34 Children,
Communicants,	18
Deaths,	3 Adults, and 3 Children.
Marriages,	1

Report from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the neighbourhood of Shurleysberg, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	8
Deaths,	
Communicants,	4
Marriages,	1

Report from the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Water street, Huntingdon County, for the preceding year.

CHARLES G. SNOWDEN, *Rector.*

Baptisms,	2
Deaths,	1

Communicants not known, the Sacrament of the Lord's supper never having been administered.

Marriages,

2

The following is a report of the state of the congregations under my care, and of the vacant congregations within the circle of my acquaintance, as far as I am able to give it.

Report from St. James's Church, Moncy Creek, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

CALEB HOPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 45 It being, I think three times the number I returned last year.

Baptisms, adults, 11

Do. Infants, 25

Funerals, none.

Marriages, none.

Report from St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf, Columbia County, Pennsylvania.

CALEB HOPKINS, Rector.

Communicants, 22

Baptisms, adults, none.

Do. Infants, 7

Marriages, 2

The congregation of Christ Church, Turbet, or Milton being without a pastor, I visited it last autumn and administered the holy supper to (I think) seventeen persons, and baptized several Children.

The congregations of Christ's Church, Derrys, and St. Paul's Church, Fishing Creek, now Bloom, being without Pastors, I supply them on weekdays statedly, for a small compensation by a late engagement.

The congregation of St. Mary's Church, Niscopec, still exists, like a little plant growing amongst thorns and thistles. This I also visit occasionally, but it is too far from me to do it often.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Treasurer.

On counting the votes, John Read, was declared to be unanimously chosen.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of devising a plan for the future admission of churches into the connection of this Convention, reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing a plan for the admission of congregations into the church of this state, beg leave to recommend to the convention, the adoption of the following canon.

To entitle a congregation to admission into the Protestant Episcopal church of the state of Pennsylvania, it shall hereafter be required, that the congregation requesting to be admitted, shall exhibit to the convention the original, or a certified copy, of their articles of association, or charter of incorporation, as the case may be; and it shall appear therein, that such congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the said church, and of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. And further, that the said charter or act of association has been duly submitted to the bishop and standing committee, or in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, to the standing committee, and approved, as recommended by existing regulations. And if their approbation be withheld, they shall report to the convention the charter or articles of association, with the reasons of their disapprobation, for its final decision in the case.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Meredith, and adopted.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the

expediency of applying to the civil authority for a Charter of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania—and should they deem it expedient, to prepare a draught of the same and submit it to the Bishop and Standing Committee for their approbation, and to report to the next convention.

Mr. Meredith, Rev. Dr. Beasley, and the Rev. Bird Wilson were appointed on this committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a Standing Committee and Council of Advice.

Upon counting the votes, the following persons were declared to have been duly elected.

CLERICAL MEMBERS.

LAY MEMBERS.

Rev. Fredk. Beasley, D. D.

William Tilghman,

James Abercrombie,

Richard Dale,

James Wiltbank,

Thomas M'Euen,

Jackson Kemper,

John Read,

George Boyd.

Henry Hollingsworth.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the next meeting of this Convention be held in St. Peter's Church, in the city of Philadelphia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. Sheets, for his sermon delivered at its opening.

On motion, *Resolved*, that a committee be appointed to publish the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Church in this state, and to distribute them among the Churches.

The Bishop appointed the following persons:

Rev. Jackson Kemper, John Read, and the Rev. George Boyd.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Convention now proceed to the election of Delegates to attend the next meeting of the General Convention.

The following persons were chosen:

CLERGYMEN.

Rev. Fredk. Beasley, D. D.
 Jackson Kemper,
 Bird Wilson.
 George Boyd,

LAYMEN.

Thomas M'Euen,
 William Meredith,
 Walter Kerr.
 Levi Pawling.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to print the Journal of this Convention, and that they be authorized to add the Canons of the last General Convention.

The following persons were appointed by the Bishop.

Rev. Jackson Kemper, Rev. George Boyd, Rev. Mr. Dupuy.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Boyd, and adopted.

Whereas the Rt. Rev. Bishop White in his address to the Convention delivered this day, expresses himself unreservedly upon the subject of those measures which were adopted by the late General Convention, in relation to the subject of theological education, Therefore *Resolved*, That this Convention concur with the Rt. Rev. Bishop White in the sentiments which he has expressed.

Adjourned.

NOTE.—After the adjournment of the Convention, a letter was received from Salmon Bosworth in the name of the congregation at Pike, Bradford county, apologizing in consequence of the distance, for not sending delegates to this Convention.

The Trustees of the Episcopate Fund for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, appointed by a resolution of the Standing Committee of the 7th day of June last, beg leave to report—

That at the time of their appointment, there was standing in the name of the late Trustees of that fund, five thousand, eight hundred and seven dollars and four cents, United States

six per cent. stock; which, in pursuance of the before mentioned resolution, has been transferred to the present Trustees, and now stands in their names on the books of the Treasury of the United States. That since that period, the present Trustees have received the dividends on the said stock to the first instant, and have invested the same together with twenty dollars received from St. John's Church in the Northern Liberties, in the like manner in six per cent. stock. The proceeds of this sum, with former investments, make together six thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars and sixty-one cents, which comprises the whole amount of stock belonging at this time to the Episcopate fund.

The Trustees have annexed an account, which shows the dividends on stock received since their appointment, and the manner in which the dividends as they were severally received, have been invested.

JOHN READ.
THOMAS M'EUEEN. } Trustees.
RICHARD DALE. }

April 25, 1821.

Bought by order of John Read, esq. Treasurer of the Bishop Fund.

1820.			
August 2.	\$81 38 6 per cent. 10 m. at	107 per cent.	\$87 08
Oct. 18.	81 96 do.	107 3-4	88 31
1821.			
Jan. 12.	82 52 do.	108 1-2	89 54
	<u>245 86</u>		<u>264 93</u>
April 17.	100 71 6 per cent. of 1814, 10 m.	110	110 78
	<u>\$346 57</u>		<u>\$375 71</u>

Transferred to John Read, Thomas M'Eueen, and Richard Dale, in trust.
Received payment at the time of the purchase.

Signed,

M'EUEEN, HALE & DAVIDSON.

Dr. Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania in account with John Read, Treasurer. Cr.

1820.		1820.		
		May 3.	May 3.	
May 26.	To cash paid Clement R. Bowen his account for attendance on General and State Conventions,	\$20 50	By cash, annual contribution from St. Paul's Church, Chester County, - - - - -	\$5 00
June 8.	To cash paid Elijah Bowen for attendance on State Convention at Christ Church, - - - - -	1 82	Do. Concord, Delaware, - - - - -	5 00
10.	To cash paid William Fry for printing 1500 copies of Bishop Moore's Sermon, by order of the State Convention, - - - - -	56 50	Do. St. Martin's, do. - - - - -	8 75
Aug. 23.	To cash paid S. Potter & Co. their bill for printing done for the General Convention, - - - - -	297 50	Do. Trinity, Northampton. - - - - -	5 00
"	To cash paid for printing done for the State Convention, - - - - -	46 00	Do. St. David's, Radnor. - - - - -	5 00
	Balance, - - - - -	227 74	Do. of P. F. Glentworth, late Treasurer, - - - - -	428 31
			Do. do. - - - - -	180 00
			Do. of St. John's Church, Norristown. - - - - -	8 00
			Balance, - - - - -	650 08
		\$650 06	JOHN READ, TREASURER.	\$227 74
			April 25, 1821.	
			We the subscribers, have examined the above account, and the vouchers for the items, on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.	
			April 28, 1821.	
			GEORGE BOYD.	
			THOMAS M'EUEEN.	

CANONS

PASSED IN GENERAL CONVENTION IN 1820.

CANON I.

Repealing a part of the forty-fifth Canon passed in 1808.

That part of the forty-fifth Canon which requires the Episcopal addresses inserted on the journal of each state or diocesan convention, to be read in the house of clerical and lay deputies in General Convention, is hereby repealed.

CANON II.

Repealing the first Canon, passed in 1817.

The principal object contemplated by the first canon passed in general convention in the year 1817, having been accomplished by the election and consecration of a bishop for the diocese of Ohio, the said canon is hereby repealed.

CANON III.

Concerning Pastoral Letters.

Whereas, there is reason to fear that the pastoral letters issued from time to time by the House of Bishops, and addressed to the members of the Episcopal church, fail of their intended effect for want of sufficient publicity: It is hereby made the duty of every clergyman having a pastoral charge, when any such letter is published, to read the same to his congregation on some occasion of public worship.

CANON IV.

In addition to the seventeenth Canon, passed in 1808.

In the case of a minister of some other denomination of christians applying for holy orders in this church, the standing committee may receive testimonials of his piety, good

morals, and orderly conduct from twelve members of the denomination from which he came; provided the members of the committee have such confidence in the persons thus testifying, as to satisfy them of the correctness of the testimony; and also a testimonial to the same effect from at least one clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church.

CANON V.

Amending the seventeenth Canon passed in 1808.

When any person, not a citizen of the United States, who has officiated as a minister among any other denomination of Christians, shall apply for orders in this church, the Bishop, to whom application is made, shall require of him (in addition to the qualifications made necessary by the seventeenth Canon,) satisfactory evidence that he has resided at least one year in the United States, previous to his application.

CANON VI.

Of the consecration of bishops during the recess of the General Convention.

If, during the recess of the general convention, the Church in any state or diocese should be desirous of the consecration of a bishop elect, the standing committee of the church in such state or diocese may, by their president or by some person or persons specially appointed, communicate the desire to the standing committees of the churches in the different states together with copies of the necessary testimonials; and if the major number of the standing committees shall consent to the proposed consecration, the standing committee of the state or diocese concerned shall forward the evidence of such consent, together with other testimonials, to the presiding bishop of the house of bishops, who shall communicate the same to all the bishops in this church in the United States; and if a majority of the bishops should consent to the consecration, the presiding bishop with any two

bishops, may proceed to perform the same; or any three bishops to whom he may communicate the testimonials.

The evidence of the consent of the different standing committees shall be in the form prescribed for the house of clerical and lay deputies in general convention; and without the aforesaid requisites, no consecration shall take place during the recess of the general convention.—But in case the election of a bishop shall take place within a year before the meeting of the general convention, all matters relative to the consecration shall be deferred until the said meeting:

The fifth canon is hereby repealed.

CANON VII.

To govern in the case of a minister declaring that he will no longer be a minister of the Church.

If any minister of this Church shall declare to the bishop of the diocese to which he belongs, or to any Ecclesiastical authority for the trial of clergymen, or, where there is no bishop, to the standing committee, his renunciation of the ministry, and his design not to officiate in future in any of the offices thereof; it shall be the duty of the bishop, or where there is no bishop, of the standing committee, to record the declaration so made. And it shall be the duty of the bishop to admonish, or to suspend him, or to displace him from his grade in the ministry, and to pronounce and record, in the presence of two or three clergymen, that the person, so declaring, has been admonished, or suspended, or displaced from his grade in the ministry in this Church. In any diocese, in which there is no bishop, the same sentence may be pronounced by the bishop of any other diocese, invited by the standing committee to attend for that purpose. In the case of displacing from the ministry, as above provided for, it shall be the duty of the bishop to give notice thereof to every bishop of this Church, and to the standing committee in every diocese, wherein there is no bishop.

The second canon of 1817 is hereby repealed.

CANON VIII.

Concerning candidates for orders.

In addition to the testimonials produced by a person wishing to become a candidate for holy orders as prescribed by the seventh canon, he must lay before the standing committee a satisfactory diploma, or certificate from the instructors of some approved literary institution, or a certificate from two presbyters appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese to examine him, of his possessing such academical learning as may enable him to enter advantageously on a course of theology.

When a person applying to be admitted a candidate, wishes the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages, and other branches of learning not strictly ecclesiastical to be dispensed with, the standing committee shall not recommend him as a candidate until he has laid before them a testimonial signed by at least two Presbyters of the church, stating that in their opinion he possesses extraordinary strength of natural understanding, a peculiar aptitude to teach, and a large share of prudence.

Done in General Convention, in the city of Philadelphia,
in the year of our Lord, 1820.

By order of the House of Bishops.

WILLIAM WHITE,
Presiding Bishop.

Attested,

WM. AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Secretary.

By order of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

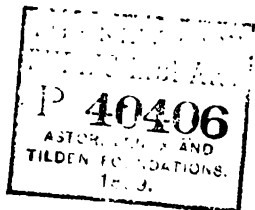
WILLIAM H. WILMER, President.

Attested.

ASHBEL BALDWIN, Secretary.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH CONVENTION

OF THE

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PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

**HELD IN ST. PETER'S CHURCH IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, ON TUESDAY,
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY THE 7th, 8th AND 9th OF MAY, 1822.**

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Members present.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. Bishop White, D. D.	Rev. Jackson Kemper,
Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.	— James Montgomery,
— Benjamin Allen,	— Richard U. Morgan,
— Frederick Beasley, D. D.	— William A. Muhlenberg,
— George Boyd,	— John Rodney,
— Samuel C. Brinckle,	— Manning B. Roche,
— Levi Bull,	— George B. Schaeffer,
— Jehu C. Clay,	— George Sheets,
— Charles M. Dupuy,	— William Thompson,
— Caleb Hopkins,	— James Wiltbank.
— Joseph Jaquett,	

LAY DELEGATES.

Thomas H. White,	John Peirce, jun.
Daniel Smith,	William Eldred,
William Meredith,	John Dolby,
Richard Dale,	Samuel Bowman,
John Read,	George Poe, jun.
William Tilghman,	Serick Fox,
John Matthews,	Jonathan Bavington,
John Claxon,	James Boyer,
Henry Hollingsworth,	Pearce Crosby,
Daniel H. Miller,	Peter Deshong,
Charles Wheeler,	John M. Price,
John D. George,	Thomas Armat,
Richard Peters,	Philip Sheaf,
Richard Rundle,	William Brook,
Joseph Ingersoll,	Isaac Pauling,
Thomas Ryerson,	Levi Pauling,
Thomas Robinson,	Philip S. Markley,
Benjamin F. Johnson,	William Casselberry,
John M'Elroy,	Walter Kerr,
William F. Swift,	Cromwell Pearce.
Thomas Ross,	

JOURNAL, &c.

St. Peter's Church, May 7th, 1822, 5 o'clock, P. M.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania, for the assembling of the Annual Convention, the Rt. Rev. William White, bishop of the diocese, with the following clergymen and lay delegates, met in St. Peter's church, in the city of Philadelphia.

Clergymen.

Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D.	{ Senior assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.
Benjamin Allen,	{ Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
Frederick Bensley, D. D.	{ Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
George Boyd,	{ Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philad.
Samuel C. Driskille,	{ Rector of St. David's Church, Radnor.
Levi Bull,	{ Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berk's, St. Mary's, Chester County, and Bangor Church, Churchtown.
Jehu C. Clay,	{ Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown.

Rev. Charles M. Dupuy,	{ Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
Caleb Hopkins,	{ Rector of St. James's Church, Muncey Creek, Lyco- ming County, and St. Gabriel's Church, Sugar Loaf, Columbia County.
Joseph Jaquett,	{ Minister of St. James's Church, Bristol.
Jackson Kemper,	{ Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
James Montgomery,	{ Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mantua.
John Rodney,	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Easton.
Manning B. Roche,	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.
George B. Schaeffer,	{ Minister of St. John's Church, Yorktown.
George Sheets,	{ Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.
William Thompson, Deacon,	{ Minister of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.
James Wiltbank,	{ Master of the Grammar School, in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Lay Delegates.

Thomas H. White.	{ Christ Church, Philadel- phia.
Daniel Smith,	{ St. Peter's Church, Phila- delphia.
William Meredith,	
John Miller, Jun.	{ St. James's Church, Phila- delphia.
Richard Dale,	
John Read,	{ St. Paul's Church, Phila- delphia.
John Matthews,	
John Claxon,	{ St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.
Henry Hollingsworth,	
Daniel H. Miller,	{ Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.
Charles Wheeler,	
John D. George,	

Richard Peters,	{	St. Mark's Church, Mantua.
Richard Rundle,		
Thomas Ryerson,	{	St. Martin's Church, Marcus
Thomas Robinson,		
Benjamin F. Johnson,	{	Hook.
John M'Elroy,		
William F. Swift,	{	St. James's, Bristol.
Thomas Ross,		
William Casselberry,	{	St. John's Church, Norris-
Walter Kerr,		
Cromwell Pearce,	{	town.
John Peirce, jun.		
William Eldred,	{	St. James's Church, Perkio-
John Dolby,		
Samuel Bowman,	{	men.
George Poe, Jun.		
	{	St. Peter's Church, Great
	{	Valley.
	{	St. John's Church, Con-
	{	cord.
	{	St. James's Church, Muncey
	{	Creek.
	{	Trinity Church, Easton.
	{	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre.
	{	Trinity Church, Pittsburgh.

The Convention being thus organized, proceeded to the election of a Secretary, whereupon the Rev. Manning B. Roche was appointed to this office.

The List of Clergy being called over in conformity with the 15th Article of General Regulations, the following persons were found absent.

Clergymen.

Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D.	Residing in Philadelphia.
Robert Blackwell, D. D.	Residing in Philadelphia.
Robert Ayres,	Residing in Brownsville.
Joseph Clarkson,	{ Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Church, Pequea; and Rector of Christ's Church, Leacock.
Joseph Hutchins, D. D.	
William A. Muhlenberg,	{ Residing in Philadelphia. Associate Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Church, Pequea.
Francis Reno,	
Charles G. Snowden,	Officiating in Beaver county.
John Taylor,	Residing at Bloomsburg.
	Residing at Pittsburg.

William H. Delancey,

{ Assistant to the Rector of the
United Churches of Christ
Church, St. Peter's, and St.
James's, Philadelphia.

Moses P. Bennet,

{ Minister at Greensburg and
Kittanning.

The following Lay Delegates, mentioned in the certificates presented, were absent:

William Tilghman,

Henry Pratt,

Thomas M'Euen,

Thomas S. Riley,

George L. Eyre,

Joseph R. Ingersoll,

Levi Pauling,

Philip S. Markley,

Jesse Bean,

Isaac Arment,

William Peirce,

Samuel Sitgreaves,

William S. Cox,

{ Christ Church, Philadelphia.

St. James's Church, Philad.

{ St. John's Church, N. Liber-
ties.

Trinity Church, Southwark.

St. Mark's, Mantua.

{ St. John's Church, Norris-
town.

St. James's, Perkiomen.

{ St. John's, Concord.

{ Trinity Church, Easton.

Mr. Read delivered a message from Mr. M'Euen, one of the delegates from St. James's Church, Philadelphia, stating, that indisposition prevented his attendance upon the meeting of this Convention.

The following document was received and read:

"This is to certify, that St. Mark's Church, in the Village of Mantua, having been duly incorporated according to law, and regularly organized in conformity with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States, the Rector, Church-wardens, and Vestrymen thereof desire that the same church may be admitted into connexion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands
this 7th day of May, in the year of our Lord,
one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-two.

James Montgomery, *Rector.*

Richard Peters, }
Richard Rundle, } *Church-wardens.*

Whereupon, on motion, *Resolved*, That St. Mark's Church, in the village of Mantua, be admitted into union with the churches of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Kemper, *Resolved*, That the rules of order heretofore regulating the preceding Conventions, be also adopted by this Convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and candidates for Holy Orders, in the same church, who may be in the city during the session of this Convention, and not members thereof, be admitted to the sittings of the same.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

St. Peter's Church, Wednesday Morning, 10 o'clock.

The Convention being assembled, divine service was performed by the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Rector of St. Luke's, Germantown, and a sermon preached by the Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mantua; after which, the Rev. William Thompson, of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, was ordained to the Holy Order of Priests; and Mr. Richard U. Morgan, was admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons.

The following Clergymen appeared and took their seats:—The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Church, Pequea; and the Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Deacon.

The following Lay Delegates having produced the testimonials of their appointments, took their seats:

William Tilghman,		Christ Church, Philadelphia.
Serick Fox		
Jonathan Bavington,	}	Trinity Church, Oxford.
Joseph R. Ingersoll,		
James Boyer,		St. Mark's Church, Mantua.
Pierce Crosby,		All Saints, Lower Dublin.
Peter Deshong,	}	St. Paul's Church, Chester.
John M. Price,		
Thomas Armat,	}	St. Luke's Church, Germantown.
Philip Sheaf,		
William Brook,	}	St. David's Church, Radnor.
Isaac Pauling,		St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Agreeably to the resolution passed yesterday, admitting clergymen not members of the Convention, to the sittings thereof, the Rev. Ralph Williston, of Delaware, the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, of South Carolina, the Rev. Samuel Phinney, of Connecticut, and the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, of New Jersey, attended this day.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved; after which, agreeably to the 45th canon of the General Convention of 1808, the Right Rev. Bishop White delivered the following address:

Brethren, the Clergy, and the Lay Deputies of this convention:

In pursuance of the requisition of the 45th canon, I make the following communication.

On Thursday, the 9th of August, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, in Mantua, in the neighbourhood of this city, and preached on the occasion.

On Sunday, the 12th of the same month, I preached and administered the communion in the church, in the borough of Carlisle; and on the next day, I preached and administered the rite of confirmation in the same church.

On the 17th I preached and confirmed in the church in Huntington township, Adams county.

On the 19th I preached twice, and confirmed in St. John's Church, in York.

And on the 21st, I preached and confirmed in St. James's church, in the city of Lancaster.

On the 25th of September, I preached and confirmed in St. John's Church, Norristown.

On the 26th of January, I consecrated Trinity church, in the district of Southwark; and on the 29th of March, I preached and confirmed in the said church. The Rev. Manning B. Roche has been chosen its rector.

The number confirmed within the present year are 190; including those confirmed in the churches of which I am the rector; the dates therein being omitted, as in former years.

My ordinations are those of Joseph Jaquett, of Thomas H. Taylor, the latter under letters demissory, from bishop Bowen;

and of Peter Vanpelt, all to the order of deacons. And this day, in your presence, I ordained William Thompson to the order of priests, and Richard Umpstead Morgan to the order of deacons.

Samuel Bowman has been admitted as a candidate for holy orders. There has been a transfer of Samuel Marks, a candidate, to the diocese of New York.

In the course of the year, I have had occasion to lament the decease of three of my reverend brethren—of the Rev. Joseph Turner, whose exemplary life and conversation had so long endeared him to the diocese—of the Rev. Slator Clay, whose zeal in his holy vocation, must also have been known to most of those now present; and, of the Rev. George Woodruff, whom I announced to the last convention as a young clergyman settled in Carlisle, and officiating in the church of Huntington, Adams county. He had given the most promising expectations of future usefulness; and was high in the esteem of the people among whom he ministered. They have felt deep sorrow, under the dispensation of divine providence, which has removed him from them.

The place of the Rev. Slator Clay has been supplied by his worthy son, the Rev. Jehu C. Clay, who had settled in Maryland.

The rectorship of St. Mark's, in Mantua, has been filled by the Rev. James Montgomery.

The Rev. Benjamin Allen, formerly of Virginia, has been elected and settled as rector of St. Paul's church, in this city.

The Rev. William Thompson, formerly a deacon in the diocese of New York, and this day ordained to the priesthood, has taken the charge of the church in Pittsburg.

The Rev. William H. Delancey, formerly of the diocese of New York, has been engaged for a limited time, by the vestry of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, in this city, to be especially assistant to their rector, in the pastoral duties of those churches.

The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. has accepted of the professorship of Systematic Theology, in the Theological Seminary of our church, located in New York: and his expected usefulness in that station is some consolation to me under the loss of his talents, for a time at least, from this diocese.

The Rev. Peter Vanpelt, soon after his ordination, removed to South Carolina.

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hutchins, my friend from our boyhood, after having been some years absent in his native island of Barbadoes, has returned to reside in this city.

The Rev. Moses P. Bennet has been employed by the Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, as a missionary in the western part of the state.

With peculiar satisfaction, I announce to this convention, that at the general convention, held in this city, in the last autumn, there was organised a Theological Seminary, by a combining of two institutions; which, in their separate existence seemed likely to produce such a competition of interests, as might have been productive of serious inconveniences in the concerns of our communion. It is to be hoped that there will be now an undivided wish and endeavour, to support an institution begun under such favourable prospects.

During the same general convention, there was matured the plan of a domestic and foreign missionary society. It had been proposed by the convention of 1820, but with defects, occasioned by oversight, which prevented the co-operation of so great a proportion of our communion, as discouraged any effective proceedings on the part of the nominated trustees. The defects have been supplied; sundry important improvements have been added; and the whole organization having been matured with care, and resolved on with general consent, it is to be hoped, that all the members of our communion will take an interest in carrying the design into effect.

The Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, although, as they think, not sustained with a zeal proportioned to the importance of the institution, has not been without a measure of usefulness: for which it will be sufficient to refer to their report. Attached to this association, there is a Female Tract Society, which continue their exertions in publications, small in size, but eminently instructive.

The Prayer Book Society, in consequence of gratuitous distributions to an extent not warranted by their means, have found themselves under the necessity of suspending that part of their design. In the other branch of it, the furnishing of the book at the least possible price to subscribers, they are still progressing: and

under the hope, by the means of this economy, to make up the defalcation from their funds.

The Sunday School Society, are pursuing the object for which they were associated. It should be understood, that the object is distinct from that of any Sunday School Society formed for the giving of instruction. It is merely for the cheaper supplying of societies of the latter description, with elementary and other necessary books; and in this work they are likely to be useful.

It seems still a duty to hold up to the clergy of the diocese, the too little advantage taken for the benefit of their families, of the fund of the society for the widows, and the children of deceased clergymen. It is the more remarkable, that so few avail themselves of this opportunity of establishing claims in favour of their families; as, besides annuities acquired by profitable purchase, the 11th article of the constitution provides, that the corporation may apply a proportion of the overplus of revenue to the increase of annuities. That body, however charitably disposed to families, other than those of deceased contributors, cannot bestow on them relief from this fund.

Considering the difficulty, generally, of raising incomes adequate to the support of the parochial clergy, it is also difficult to say, to what extent, and with what degree of earnestness, there should be pressed the design of creating a fund for the support of a future bishop, so as to relieve him from the necessity of having a parochial cure. But the principle on which the design was bottomed is so reasonable, and the success of it so desirable, that your present bishop will be held excusable in bringing it annually into view: especially as he has felt, more than any other person, the need of such a provision.

Although the Bible Society of this city is not peculiarly attached to our communion, yet, as their object is not only of supreme importance, but that in which all denominations of christians agree, and as it contributes its share to the great design of publishing the glad tidings of salvation where they have been hitherto unknown, and of depositing the record of them in the hands of the destitute in all countries, nominally christian, it has been presented to the notice of the conventions for sundry years past, and under continuance of the impression, there is now declared a deep conviction of the importance of the subject.

The trustees of the products of the bequest of the late Mr. Doz, have received and there will be reported to this body, 300 dollars, in addition to what has been reported already. The money thus received has been vested by the Council of Advice in public stock, in the names of the trustees appointed for the purpose.

There is a subject on which your bishop wishes to record his opinion, matured by the long experience of his ministry, and acted on by him, as he thinks, to the advantage of the church. It is the conduct becoming us towards those of our fellow-christians who are severed from us by diversity of worship, or of discipline; and in some instances, by material contrariety on points of doctrine.

The conduct to be recommended, is, to treat every denomination, in their character as a body, with respect; and the individuals composing it with degrees of respect, or of esteem, or of affection, in proportion to the ideas entertained of their respective merits; and, to avoid all intermixture of administrations in what concerns the faith, or the worship, or the discipline of the church.

On the conduct to be observed toward every denomination, it is not intended to recommend silence concerning any religious truth, from the mistaken delicacy of avoiding offence to opposing error; nor to censure the exposing of the error, if it be done in a christian spirit, and in accommodation to time and place. To take offence at this, is to manifest the spirit of persecution, under circumstances which have happily disarmed it of power. But when, instead of argument, or in designed aid of it, there is resort to misrepresentation and abuse; or, when the supposed consequences of an opinion are charged as the admitted sentiments of the maintainer of it; these are weapons as much at the service of error, as at that of truth; are the oftenest resorted to by the former; and are calculated to act on intelligent and ingenuous minds, as reason of distrust of any cause in which they may be employed.

It is no small aggravation of the evil, that it tends to retard the time, which we trust will at last be brought about by the providence of God; when, in consequence of friendly communications, arising out of the ordinary intercourses and charities of life, there will be such an approximation of religious societies in whatever can be thought essential to communion, as that they shall "with one heart and one mouth glorify God." For, to those who have attended to the

first workings of what has ended in the divisions and subdivisions among christian people, it must have been evident, at least in the greater number of instances, that with diversity of sentiment, there might have continued the "Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace," had it not been for the intrusion of personal injury, or provocation, the effects of passion or of interfering interests, which have sometimes insensibly induced the persuasion of service done to the cause of God, when in fact, human views had a dominant share in determining the conduct.

There has been referred to, in favour of the point sustained, the danger of exciting and increasing unfriendly feeling between differing denominations. It is on this principle,—although there are other considerations tending to the same effect,—that your bishop has resisted all endeavours for an intermixture of administrations, in what concerns the faith, or the worship, or the discipline of the church. In every known instance, in which it has proceeded from the usurpation of authority by individuals, it has been productive of conflicting opinion, and of needless controversy. On some occasions, our institutions have been treated with disrespect, and doctrines unknown in them have been taught, within our walls. There have even been advanced claims of rights, to what was granted as temporary indulgence; and thus our property in religious houses has been rendered insecure: all under the notion of liberality and christian union. It would be painful to have it supposed, that any reference is here had to the many respectable ministers of other denominations whose characters are in contrariety to the offences stated. Of the intrusion of such men, there is no apprehension entertained at present: and if the door should hereafter be thrown open, the most forward to enter it would be persons of the most moderate pretensions in talent and in acquirement.

It is confidently believed, that what is now said, would not be offensive to the more respectable and prominent persons, whether clerical or lay, in the concerns of other religious societies; who would probably concur in the declaration, that the contrary assumption, when carried into effect, in opposition to the governing authority in any religious denomination, is the intolerance, which, in former ages, pursued its designs by penal laws; but is now reduced to the necessity of making hollow professions of fraternity:

the object being the same, with difference only in the means. By any among ourselves favouring such designs, for what they may conceive to be a righteous end ; it should be considered, that, however commendable the being " zealously affected," there is the qualification of " a good thing;" and that there can be no goodness in what is contrary to modesty, and tends to unnecessary controversy and division : for, if the attempted intermixture should be accomplished, there must be the severance of those who would " seek the old paths," not without sensibility to the hinderances opposed to the " walking in them." Thus, there would be an increase of division, growing out of what had been professedly undertaken for the healing of it.

It is difficult to be on the present subject, without giving occasion to the injurious charge of bigotted attachment to our communion : to guard against which, consistently with the acknowledgment of decided preference, it may be expedient to be more particular.

Our church calls herself episcopal. She affirms episcopacy to rest on scriptural institution, and to have subsisted from the beginning. On the varying governments of other societies, she pronounces no judgment. The question is, not whether we think correctly, but whether we are to be tolerated in what we think. If this be determined in the affirmative, we must, to be consistent, interdict all other than an episcopalian ministry, within our bounds.

Again; our church is decidedly in favour of a form of prayer, believing it to be sanctioned by divine ordainment under the law ; by the attendance of our Saviour and of his apostles, on composed forms in the synagogues and in the temple ; and by indications of their being in use in the primitive church. We do not judge harshly of the public prayers of our fellow-christians ; but we allege, that among ourselves, the people are not to be dependent on the occasional feelings, or the discretion, or the degree of cultivation of an officiating minister. With such views, it is contrary to what we owe to the edification of the people, were we to give way to the introduction of the latter species of devotion.

Once more. That our Church teaches the doctrines of grace, and holds them to be of paramount importance, is obvious to all. Man's utter want of righteousness by nature; his absolute incapacity of merit, whether in the state of nature, or in that of grace; his being under the government of passions impelling to sin, any

further than as counteracted by principles derived from grace ; the agency of the Holy Spirit in this, going before, that he may have a good will, and working with him in the exercise of it ; and finally, the meritorious ground of all benefit, in the propitiatory offering of the Redeemer; are not only affirmed in our institutions, but pervade them. We rejoice, so far as any of our fellow-christians consent with us in acknowledging the said essential truths of scripture. But in some public confessions, we think we find embodied with those truths, dogmas neither revealed in scripture, nor deducible from its contents ; and, in some instances, contradicting what our church explicitly teaches. The introducing of such matter among ourselves, is what we cannot countenance: and introduced it would be, under the intermixture here objected to. Of this we have had instances, where an alien agency has been obtruded : and, if it should be countenanced, the consequences would be in the greatest degree injurious.

If, after all, there should be a leaning in any mind to the plausible plea of liberality, let there be an appeal to the fact, which will bear a strict investigation, that every proposal to the purpose, when explained, amounts to the surrendering of one, or of another of our institutions, without conformity to them in any instance.

Brethren—

It is fit, that there should be explicitly declared, the motive for the present expression of opinion. It has been confidently acted on by the deliverer of it, in alliance with esteem for worth, in whatever individual or body of men it was discerned to reside. It cannot be expected, that he will continue much longer to sustain any of his opinions, either by argument, or by example. He hopes, that they who may be expected to survive him, entertain similar views of what the exigences, and even the existence of our church require. But, lest an effort to the contrary should hereafter be made by any, he wishes to oppose to it, and to leave behind him his premonition; and to attach to it whatever weight, if there should be any, may be thought due to his long experience and observation. Under this impression, he has made it a part of his official address, to appear, for the purpose stated, on your journal.

Although, during the administration of the episcopacy, I have had the encouragement of seeing the growth of the church in this state from very small beginnings, yet it is certain that the sphere of use-

fulness is extending beyond proportion to our present means of providing for the exercise of the ministry and of administration of the ordinances. This is mentioned, as an excitement to the endeavours of all the active members of our communion, and of my reverend brethren in particular; in which it is my purpose, that, by the grace of God, there shall not be wanting so long as ability of mind and of body may be continued, the best services of the remainder of my days.

WILLIAM WHITE.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the rules of order were read.

Mr. Kemper read the following report, which was accepted by the convention.

The committee appointed by the last convention to publish the constitution, canons and regulations of the church, in this state, and to distribute them among the churches, beg leave to report,—

That they have had printed 500 copies of a pamphlet containing the articles specified in the resolution, and are ready to distribute them in the following manner:

Each of the clergymen of the diocese, and of the lay-members of this convention, shall be entitled to one copy; and each of the congregations connected with the convention, to 8 copies; and the remaining copies, with permission of the convention, shall be deposited with the secretary, for the use of those clergymen and congregations, who may hereafter become connected with this convention.

JACKSON KEMPER,
JOHN READ,
GEORGE BOYD.

May, 8th, 1822.

The convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Wednesday, 4 o'clock:

Mr. Kemper read the minutes of the standing committee and council of advice for the past year.

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this convention be given to the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, for his discourse delivered at its opening.

The convention then proceeded to the appointment of a treasurer, when Thomas H. White was chosen to that office.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the annual meeting of this convention be on the first Tuesday, after the first Wednesday, in May.

A resolution was then adopted, in relation to the supply of vacant congregations.

The following gentlemen were appointed the committee in pursuance of this resolution:

Dr. Beasley, Mr. Kemper, and Mr. Boyd.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, *Resolved*, That the secretary in giving notice of the meeting of the annual convention of the church in this state, transmit at the same time, a proper form of certificate for the appointment of delegates to the said convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Kemper, *Resolved*, That the attention of the clergy and congregations of this diocese be earnestly and affectionately requested to the regulation concerning collections for the Episcopal fund.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd offered the following resolution which was adopted by the convention:

Whereas the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, in the United States, at its meeting in November last, instituted a Society for Domestic and Foreign Missions, and recommended it to the support of the members of this church.

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this convention heartily approves the pious design of the general convention in the formation of the said Society for missionary purposes, and hereby recommends to all the churches in this diocese, to further by their contributions and their prayers, an object so immediately connected with the prosperity of the Episcopal church, in this country, and the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom abroad.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Kemper, *Resolved*, That the committee to draft (with the advice and consent of the bishop) a report of the state of the church in this diocese be now appointed.

The bishop appointed the following persons:

Dr. Beasley, Dr. Abercrombie, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Meredith, and Mr. Read.

On motion of Mr. Meredith, *Resolved*, That this convention feel it to be their duty, the performance of which accords with their sentiments of deep veneration and affection towards their bishop—

to record on their minutes their testimony to the distinguished services, which in her councils, as well as in his pastoral and episcopal offices, he has rendered in establishing and maintaining the church in the United States, and especially in this diocese—to the wisdom and moderation which have uniformly characterized his course of conduct, and were particularly displayed in his Address to this convention, in inculcating opinions, and recommending rules of conduct which cannot fail to advance her prosperity, by maintaining her principles in purity, and at the same time tend to the cultivation of charity and good-will with all her christian brethren.

Mr. Boyd read the resolution passed at the last convention, appointing a committee to consider the expediency of applying to the civil authority for a charter of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal church, in the state of Pennsylvania. The committee being called upon to report, Mr. Meredith, one of the committee, mentioned to the convention, that owing to certain circumstances, nothing effectual had been done in this business.

The following resolution was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bull, and adopted.

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of the convention be held in the city of Lancaster.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson, Mr. Pauling and Mr. Markley, asked leave of absence during the remainder of the session of this convention, which was granted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this convention adjourn until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

St. Peter's Church, Thursday Morning.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Divine service was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Shaeffer.

On motion of Mr. Ingersoll, *Resolved*, That this convention has received with peculiar satisfaction the information communicated by the bishop yesterday relative to the prosperous condition of the Theological Seminary, now established upon the harmonious union of two respectable institutions: and that the interests of that seminary be earnestly recommended to the active care of all the members of the church, throughout the diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee of accounts be appointed,

to consist of three persons, to whom all claims on the convention shall be submitted for their examination and approval, and that the treasurer pay no accounts but such as shall be certified by them to be correct.

The following persons were appointed as this committee :

Messrs Hollingsworth, Matthews, and Price.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery moved, that the resolution, passed yesterday, referring to the supply of vacant congregations, be again called up for reconsideration. After debate, Mr. Montgomery withdrew his resolution.

Mr. Ingersoll then moved, that the aforesaid resolution be submitted for general reconsideration, which was decided in the negative.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the resolution passed yesterday, in reference to the supply of vacant congregations be called up for the purpose of introducing two certain amendments, viz: to insert after the words "duty of all clergymen, the words, whether with or without a parochial cure : and after the words the "aforesaid committee," the following proviso: "provided however, that no appointment be made in conformity with the provisions of this resolution without the approbation of the bishop."

On motion, *Resolved*, That the resolution be adopted as amended : viz. That a committee be appointed by this convention, to consult with the bishop upon some mode for supplying the vacant congregations in this state, with occasional services ; and, that it shall be the duty of all clergymen, whether with or without a parochial cure, to comply with such regulations as shall be concluded upon by the aforesaid committee. And further—in case the vacant congregations so supplied, fail to defray the expenses of such visits, the treasurer of this convention is authorised to pay such expenses upon the order of the aforesaid committee ; provided however, that no appointment be made in conformity with the provisions of this resolution without the approbation of the bishop.

The parochial reports of the clergymen were called for and read.

Report of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

Baptisms,	- - - - -	168
Burials,	- - - - -	122

Marriages, - - - - -	99
Communicants, about - - - - -	425

Male Sunday School of Christ Church.—Six teachers, and about 90 scholars.

_____ of *St. Peter's*.—Three teachers, and from 30 to 40 scholars.

_____ of *St. James's*.—Eight teachers, and upwards of 120 scholars.

Female Sunday School of Christ Church.—Twenty-one teachers, and about 100 scholars.

_____ of *St. Peter's*.—Twenty-two teachers, and about 100 scholars.

_____ of *St. James's*.—About 130 scholars,
Female Adult School.—Ten teachers,—30 scholars.

WILLIAM WHITE, *Rector*.

REPORT OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

Baptisms, since the 29th of last October, Adults,	2	} 24
Infants,	19	
Marriages, - - - - -	3	
Funerals, - - - - -	42	
Communicants, - - - - -	165	

BENJAMIN ALLEN, *Rector*.

Sunday Scholars.

Male, - - - - -	137	} 302
Female, - - - - -	165	

Report from St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties.

Communicants, - - - - -	116	} 126
Added, - - - - -	10	
Baptisms,—infants, - - - - -	14	} 17
adults, - - - - -	3	
Funerals, - - - - -	13	

GEORGE BOYD, *Rector*.

About one hundred of the communicants of this church are regular in their attendance upon all the stated ordinances of the Gospel.

Many of them appear to be sincerely devoted to the service of their Divine Master ; arguing with the apostle, that " if one died for all, then were all dead ; and that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them."

No material alteration has taken place since the last convention, in the sunday schools, belonging to this church. About 120 children regularly receive instructions not only in those elements of an English education by which they may be able to read the sacred Scriptures, but also in the catechism of the church with Dr. Mann's exposition.

Report of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	17	}	-	-	-	53
infants,	-	-	36	}	-	-	-	
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27

MANNING B. ROCHE, Rector.

As this is the first report which has been made from this church, it will perhaps be proper to make some statement of its origin and progress. A few years since a number of the inhabitants of Southwark, attached to the Protestant Episcopal church, finding great inconvenience result to them from their distance from a place of worship, resolved to make efforts to organize a congregation among themselves. But little progress was made until the society for the advancement of christianity, appointed the Rev. Mr. Richmond as their domestic Missionary. He laboured successfully for nine month in the district of Southwark. A vestry was formed—the use of a meeting house, formerly occupied by the Methodists, was obtained—worship regularly attended to on Sunday evenings; and a subscription opened for the building of a place of worship, which was headed by the late Rev. Mr. Turner, with the liberal donation of 1000 dollars. Mr. Richmond removing to New York, the present rector was appointed to supply his place for three months. At the expiration of this time he was invited by the congregation to become their pastor for a longer period. For some time after this, the prospect of the permanent establishment of the church was rather doubtful. Pecuniary difficulties appeared to place an insuperable

obstacle in the way. But about the beginning of 1821, the Lord was graciously pleased to pour out a blessing on the ministerial labours afforded to this people. A deep and solemn sense of divine truth was impressed on many minds. Tears of penitence flowed, and sighs of contrition ascended. Multitudes pressed eagerly to the public worship, and places appointed for prayer and religious conversations, were crowded. There was here manifested an evident revival of religion. Some who had departed from the strictness of christian holiness, saw the danger of having a name to live while they were dead : and many who had lived entirely neglectful of God and his ordinances, were induced to seek the face of him who " came to seek and to save that which was lost." From this time a cheering prospect opened. Persons who had been indifferent about the existence of a church, within the district, now feeling the value of religion, became actively engaged. The subscription for building a church was soon so enlarged as to authorise the vestry to purchase a lot of ground and materials for its erection. And now their labour is crowned with success.

There is a male and a female Sunday School attached to the church, containing together about 200 scholars.

Report of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

The deputation from St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, report that church still to be without a regular minister.

Various overtures have been made to different clerical gentlemen from this church by its officers, which, however they are sorry to observe have resulted in fruitless efforts.

These difficulties in obtaining a regular minister have principally arisen from the want of accordance in the congregations, which have usually united in the call of a pastor.

Some baptisms, marriages and funerals, by the late rector, the Rev. Mr. Douglass, remain unreported to this convention, since his vacation of that charge.

THOMAS RYERSON,
THOMAS ROBINSON,
BENJAMIN F. JOHNSON.

Report of St. James's, Bristol.

Communicants,	-	-	145	}	-	-	-	143
Deceased,	-	-	23	}	-	-	-	

Baptisms, - - - - - 10

Burials, - - - - - 25

Sunday schools two, containing about 200 scholars.

One Sunday school at Hulmville has been closed for want of teachers.

JOSEPH JAQUETT, *Minister.*

Report of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.

Baptisms, - - - - - 6

Burials, - - - - - 26

Marriages, - - - - - 9

Communicants, - - - - - 54

GEORGE SHEETS, *Rector.*

Report of St. David's Church, Radnor, and St. John's Church, Concord.

Communicants,	-	-	31	}	-	-	33
Added,	-	-	1				
Removed,	-	-	1				
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	1	}	-	-	4
infants,	-	-	3				

S. C. BRINCKLE, *Rector.*

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County.

Communicants, - - - - - 75

Marriages, - - - - - 2

Baptisms, - - - - - 11

Burials, - - - - - 11

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Report of St. Mary's Church, Chester County.

Baptisms, adults,	-	11	}	-	-	-	31
children,	-	20					

Marriages, - - - - - 10

Communicants, - - - - - 96

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

Report of Bangor Church, Churchtown.

Baptisms, in 1819, 6, in 1820, 10,	}	-	-	-	25
in 1821, 9, (two adults)					

Communicants, about - - - - - 30

Marriages, - - - - - 1

LEVI BULL, *Rector.*

There is a Sunday school, conducted principally by members of

the Episcopal church, at Churchtown, consisting of about 100 pupils, in a very flourishing state.

There is also a Sunday school conducted as above at St. Gabriel's church, consisting of about 60 pupils, also in a flourishing state :

Also, three Sunday schools, conducted as above, in the vicinity of St. Mary's church, consisting together of about 200 children, also flourishing.

LEVI BULL.

Report of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22

CHARLES MEREDITH DUPUY, *Rector.*

Since the last report three have removed from the neighbourhood, and two have died.

The Sunday school attached to this church, which was commenced in August, 1818, continues to increase ; the names of one hundred and twelve children are entered on the roll ; about one hundred are regular in their attendance ; forty of their number are catechumens.

St. John's Church, York.

After remaining vacant for the greater part of the preceding three years, this church was supplied with a minister in May last. The prospect at that time was quite discouraging. The congregation had become considerably scattered, and the building used for worship was rapidly falling into decay. By the blessing of God, the state of things is now changed. Funds have been procured, the church put in thorough repair, and the congregation once more gathered in.

Baptism, adults,	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	14
— infants,	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	14
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11

GEORGE B. SHAEFFER, *Minister.*

Report of St. James's Church, Lancaster.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	2	}	-	-	-	4
infants,	-	-	2	}	-	-	-	
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

The Sunday schools attached to this church contain about 200 scholars, taught by 30 teachers. They are in a flourishing condition, a neat school-house having been erected by the congregation for their reception. The congregation is increasing.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, *Associate Rector.*

Report of St. John's Church, Norristown.

Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Baptisms,	}	-	-	-	-	-	not ascertained.
Funerals,		-	-	-	-	-	
Marriages,		-	-	-	-	-	

J. C. CLAY, *Rector.*

The Sunday school attached to this church is still continued with much zeal and deserving assiduity by the worthy ladies who preside over it and conduct its concerns.

Report of St. James's Church, Perkiomen.

Communicants, about	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Baptisms,	}	-	-	-	-	-	not known.
Funerals,		-	-	-	-	-	
Marriages,		-	-	-	-	-	

J. C. CLAY, *Rector.*

Report of Trinity Church, Easton.

Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Burials,	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Sunday school scholars,	-	-	-	-	-	-	70
teachers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	16

JOHN RODNEY, *Rector.*

Report of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

Baptisms, adults,	-	-	1	}	-	-	-	22
children,	-	-	21	}	-	-	-	
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2

Communicants, added,	-	-	-	-	-	16
Present number,	-	-	-	-	-	48
Baptisms in Kittanning,	adults,	4	}	-	-	-
	children,	15	}	-	-	19
— in Greensburg,	adults,	1	}	-	-	-
	children,	10	}	-	-	41

WILLIAM THOMPSON, *Rector.*

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf, Columbia County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	21
Removed,	-	-	-	-	-	1
Baptisms,	-	-	-	-	-	5
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	1

CALEB HOPKINS, *Rector.*

Report of St. James's Church, Mumcay Creek, Lytaming County.

Communicants,	-	-	-	-	-	45
Baptisms, adults,	-	-	1	}	-	-
	infants,	-	10	}	-	11
Funerals,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Marriages,	-	-	-	-	-	1

CALEB HOPKINS, *Rector.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg, *Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the state of the church, report to the next meeting of this convention.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the treasurer be authorised to pay Mr. Maxwell's bill, for printing done for the special general convention of the church held in this city in November, 1821.

On motion, *Resolved*, That all accounts for printing done for the convention be referred to the committee of accounts.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the convention now proceed to the election of a standing committee, and council of advice.

The following persons were elected:

Clerical Members.

Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D.
James Abercrombie, D. D.
Jackson Kemper,
George Boyd,
Benjamin Allen.

Lay Members.

William Tilghman,
Richard Dale,
Thomas M'Euen,
John Read,
Charles Wheeler.

The convention then proceeded to the election of delegates to attend the next meeting of the general convention.

The following persons were duly elected:

Clergymen.

**Rev. George Boyd,
Jackson Kemper,
Levi Bull,
William A. Muhlenberg.**

Laymen.

**Levi Pauling,
David Scott,
Richard Dale,
William Tilghman.**

On motion of Mr. Chief Justice Tilghman, a canon concerning the trial of a clergyman, was adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to publish the Journal of this convention; and to add thereto a list of all the clergy and congregations of the diocess, in which the titles of the clergy, and the townships and counties in which the churches are situated, shall be mentioned.

The bishop appointed the secretary and the Rev. Mr. Kemper as this committee.

The Rev. Mr. Bull presented the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, In order to give effect to the 45th canon of the general convention, that in presenting their parochial reports, the clergy are hereby recommended to bring forward whatever facts may exhibit the state of religion in their respective parishes.

Adjourned.

MANNING B. ROCHE, Secretary.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia.—The united churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church and St. James's Church—St. Paul's Church, and St. Thomas's (African) Church.

Northern Liberties.—St. John's Church.

Southwark.—Trinity Church.

Lower Dublin Township.—All Saints Church.

Oxford Township.—Trinity Church.

Germantown.—St. Luke's Church.

Blockley Township, Mantua.—St. Mark's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester.—St. Paul's Church.

Lower Chichester Township, Marcus Hook.—St. Martin's Church.

Concord Township.—St. John's Church.

Radnor Township.—St. David's Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London Township.—St. John's Church.

East Nantmeal Township.—St. Mary's Church.

Valley.—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster.—St. James's Church.

Pequea Township.—St. John's Church.

Leacock Township.—Christ Church.

Caernarvon Township, Church Town.—Bangor Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol.—St. James the Greater's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh Township.—St. Thomas's Church.

Perkiomen Township.—St. James's Church.

Norristown.—St. John's Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity Township.—St. Gabriel's Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton.—Trinity Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Northumberland.—St. John's Church.*Milton.*—Christ Church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf Township.—St. Gabriel's Church.*Bloomsbury.*—St. Paul's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey Creek Township.—St. James's Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkesbarre.—St. Stephen's Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike. ——— Church

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville. ——— Church.*New Milford.* ——— Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York.—St. John's Church.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntington Township.—Christ Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle.—St. John's Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon. ——— Church.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.

Pittsburg.—Trinity Church.

The publishing committee are sensible that this list is in many respects imperfect. There are some congregations in the state which have never by any act, or communication to the ecclesiastical authority, recognised their connexion to the diocese; and there are others, of the exact situation of which, the committee were ignorant: all of these have been omitted.

List of Clergymen belonging to the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

MAY, 1822.

The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop, Senior of the American Church, presiding in the House of Bishops, and Rector of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. assistant minister of Christ-Church, St. James's and St. Peter's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Joseph Clarkson, associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea, and Rector of Christ-Church, Leacock.

The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. Francis Reno, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburg.

The Rev. Caleb Hopkins, Rector of St. James's, Muncy Creek, Lycoming county, and St. Gabriel's, Sugarloaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. James Wiltbank, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's, Berks County, St. Mary's, Chester County, and Bangor Church, Churchtown.

The Rev. Jackson Kemper, assistant minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown.

The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Mark's, Mantua.

The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity, Oxford, and All Saints, Lower Dublin.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Rector of St. Luke's, Germantown.

The Rev. Benjamin Allen, Rector of St. Paul's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, and St. John's, Concord.

The Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea.

The Rev. Charles G. Snowden, residing at Bloomsburg, Columbia County.

The Rev. John Rodney, Jr. Rector of Trinity Church, Easton.

The Rev. Manning B. Roche, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. William H. De-Lancey, assistant minister to the Rector of Christ-Church, St Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. Wm. Thompson, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

The Rev. George Shaeffer, Deacon, Minister of St. John's, York.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, Deacon, Minister of St. James's, Bristol.

The Rev. Moses P. Bennet, Deacon, officiating at Kittanning and Greensburg.

The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Deacon.

CANON CONCERNING THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

Presentment for misbehaviour having been made against any person, not a bishop, according to the first canon of 1795, the bishop, with the consent of the council of advice, may cause a copy of the presentment to be served on the person accused, and call on him to say whether he be guilty or not guilty of the matter charged against him; and in case such person shall confess that he is guilty, the bishop may proceed to pass sentence on him according to the canons, in the same manner as if he had been found guilty by the bishop, or commissary and assessors, in the manner prescribed by the 4th canon:—but if the said accused person shall say that he is not guilty, or shall refuse or neglect to make any answer, he shall be proceeded against in the manner prescribed in the 2d, 3d, and 4th canons of 1795; provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the bishop, if he think proper, from appointing a commissary, with the consent of the council of advice, presentment having been made, and proceeding against the person accused in the manner prescribed by the said 2d, 3d, and 4th canons.

Bought by order of John Read, Esq. Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

1821.

August 7. \$304 17 6 per cent. of 1814, a 110½ \$335 34

November 29. 92 67 do. 109½ 101 47

1822.

March 5. 89 72 do. 109½ 98 24

April 19. 93 72 do. 106½ 99 59

\$580 28

\$634 63

Transferred to John Read, Thomas M'Euen, and Richard Dale,
in trust, and received payment from John Read, esq.

Signed,

M'EUEEN, HALE & DAVIDSON.

*The Trustees of the Episcopate Fund for the Diocese of Pennsylvania,
beg leave to report to the Standing Committee—*

That since their report on the 25th day of April, 1821, the treasurer has received from collections made in the churches, and from the interest on the monies invested in stock belonging to the fund, the sum of 634 dollars 63 cents, which they laid out in the purchase of 6 per cent. of the loan of 1814, and which procured 580 dollars 28 cents of stock of that description.

The annexed accounts will show the monies received by the trustees, and the way in which they disposed of it for the benefit of the general fund.

JOHN READ, }
RICHARD DALE, } Trustees.

April 23, 1822.

We, the subscribers, have examined the above account, and the vouchers for the items on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.

GEORGE BOYD, }
RICHARD DALE, } Committee, &c.

Philadelphia, April 30th, 1822.

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CONSTITUTION,

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OF THE

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IN THE

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PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION.

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1822.

Extract from the Journal of the thirty-seventh Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania, held in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st and 2d of May, 1821.

"On motion, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to publish the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Church in this state, and to distribute them among the Churches.

The Bishop appointed the following persons:

REV. JACKSON KEMPER, JOHN READ, and the REV. GEORGE BOYD."

GEO. BOYD, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION, CANONS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE
PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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AN ACT OF ASSOCIATION

Of the Clergy and Congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the state of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, by the late revolution, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of *America* is become independent of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction in *England*; in consequence whereof it is necessary for the clergy and congregations of the said church to associate themselves for maintaining uniformity in divine worship, for procuring the powers of ordination, and for establishing and maintaining a system of ecclesiastical government:

And whereas, at a meeting of sundry clergymen and of lay deputies from sundry congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the 24th day of *May*, 1784, there was appointed a committee, to confer and correspond with representatives from the church in other states, for the purpose of constituting an ecclesiastical government, agreeably to certain instructions or fundamental principles:*

* Which are as follow:

First, That the Episcopal Church in these states is and ought to be independent of all foreign authority ecclesiastical or civil.

Secondly, That it hath, and ought to have, in common with all other religious societies, full and exclusive powers to regulate the concerns of its own communion.

And whereas the said committee, being assembled in the city of *New York*, on the 6th and 7th days of *October*, in the same year, did concur with clergymen and lay deputies from sundry states, in proposing a convention from all the states, to be held in the city of *Philadelphia*, on the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next ensuing, in order to unite in an ecclesiastical constitution, agreeable to certain fundamental principles, expressed in the said proposal:*

Thirdly, That the doctrines of the gospel be maintained as now professed by the Church of *England*; and uniformity of worship be continued, as near as may be to the liturgy of the said church.

Fourthly, That the succession of the ministry be agreeable to the usage which requireth the three orders of bishops, priests, and deacons; that the rights and powers of the same respectively be ascertained: and that they be exercised according to reasonable laws, to be duly made.

Fifthly, That to make canons or laws, there be no other authority than that of a representative body of the clergy and laity conjointly.

Sixthly, That no powers be delegated to a general ecclesiastical government, except such as cannot conveniently be exercised by the clergy and vestries in their respective congregations.

* Which are as follow:

First, That there be a General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the United States of *America*.

Second, That the Episcopal Church in each state send deputies to the Convention, consisting of clergy and laity.

Third, That associated congregations, in two or more states, may send deputies jointly.

Fourth, That the said church shall maintain the doctrines of the gospel, as now held by the church of *England*, and shall adhere to the liturgy of the said church, as far as shall be consistent with the *American* Revolution, and the constitutions of the respective states.

Fifth, That in every state where there shall be a bishop duly consecrated and settled, he shall be considered as a member of the Convention, *ex officio*.

Sixth, That the clergy and laity assembled in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote separately, and the concurrence of both shall be necessary to give validity to every measure.

Seventh, That the first meeting of the Convention shall be at *Philadelphia*, the *Tuesday* before the feast of *St. Michael* next; to which it is hoped and earnestly desired, that the Episcopal Churches in the respective states will send their clerical and lay deputies, duly instructed and authorised, to proceed on the necessary business herein proposed for their deliberation.

And whereas the body which assembled as aforesaid in *New York* did recommend to the church in the several states, that previously to the said intended meeting, they should organise or associate themselves, agreeably to such rules as they shall think proper:

It is therefore hereby determined and declared by the clergy who do now or who hereafter shall sign this act, and by the congregations who do now or who hereafter shall consent to this act, either by its being ratified by their respective vestries, or by its being signed by their deputies duly authorised, that the said clergy and congregations shall be called and known by the name of *The Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania*.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That there shall be a convention of the said church; which convention shall consist of all the clergy of the same, and of lay deputies; and that all the acts, and proceedings of said convention shall be considered as the acts and proceedings of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state; provided always, That the same shall be consistent with the fundamental principles agreed on at the two aforesaid meetings in *Philadelphia* and *New York*.

And it is hereby further determined, and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That each congregation may send to the convention a deputy or deputies; and where two or more congregations are united, they may send a deputy or deputies for each congregation; and no congregation may send a clergyman as their deputy; and each congregation represented in Convention shall have one vote.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the clergy and lay deputies in convention shall deliberate in one body, but shall vote as two distinct orders, and that the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to every measure; and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in convention shall be a quorum; and on every question, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively shall decide.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That all such clergymen as shall hereafter be settled as

In compliance with the last article, the following persons are appointed, viz. Clerical Deputies,—The Rev. Doctors *White* and *Magaw*, and the Rev. Messrs. *Blackwell*, *Hutchins*, and *Campbell*: And Lay Deputies—Messrs *Richard Peters*, *Gerardus Clarkson*, *Samuel Powel*, *William Atlee*, *Jasper Yeates*, *Stephen Chambers*, *Edward Hand*, *Thomas Heariley*, *John Clarke*, *Archibald Mc Grew*, *Plunket Fleeson*, *Edward Shippen*, *Joseph Swift*, *Andrew Dez*, *John Wood*, *Nicholas Jones*, and *Edward Duffield*.

the ministers of the congregations ratifying this act, shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations, as the clergy now subscribing the same.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That the Convention shall meet on *Monday*, the 22d day of *May*, which will be in the year of our Lord 1786, and forever after on such annual day, and at such other times and at such place, as shall be fixed by future rules of the Convention.

And it is hereby further determined and declared by the said clergy and congregations, That if the clergy and congregations of any adjoining state or states shall desire to unite with the church in this state, agreeably to the fundamental principles established at the aforesaid meeting in *New York*, then the Convention shall have power to admit the said clergy and deputies from the Congregations of such adjoining state or states, to have the same privileges, and to be subject to the same regulations, as the Clergy and congregations in this state.

Done in *Christ Church*, in the city of *Philadelphia*, this 24th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1785. Witness our hands in Ratification of the premises.*

WILLIAM WHITE, D. D. Rector of *Christ Church and St. Peter's*, in *Philadelphia*.

SAMUEL MAGAW, D. D. Rector of *St. Paul's Church*, *Philadelphia*.

ROBERT BLACKWELL, Assistant Minister of *Christ Church and St. Peter's*, *Philadelphia*.

JOSEPH HUTCHINS, Rector of *St. James's*, *Lancaster*.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Rector of the Episcopal Churches of *York and Huntington*.

JOSEPH SWIFT, Deputy for *Christ Church*.

SAMUEL POWEL,
GERARDUS CLARKSON, } Deputies for *St. Peter's Church*.

PLUNKET FLEESON,
JOHN WOOD,
ANDREW DOZ, } Deputies for *St. Paul's Church*.

EDWARD HAND, Deputy for the congregation of *St. James's*, *Lancaster*.

NICHOLAS JONES, Deputy for *St. Gabriel's*, *Morlattan, Berks*.

JOHN CAMPBELL, Deputy for the congregations of *York and Huntington*.

JOHN CROSBY, JUN.
JOHN SHAW, } Deputies for *St. Paul's Church Chester*.

* The signing of those deputies who were sent to the Convention without written powers, was deferred until such powers can be procured.

SUPPLEMENT

To the act of Association.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen whether, under the act of association, any alterations can be made in the Book of Common Prayer and the administration of the Sacraments, and other rites and ceremonies of the church, except such as became necessary in consequence of the late revolution.

It is therefore hereby determined and declared, That further alterations may be made by the Convention, constituted by the said act, provided only, that "the main body and essentials" be preserved, and alterations made in such forms only as the Church of *England* hath herself acknowledged to be indifferent and alterable.

And it is hereby further determined and declared, that the power given by this supplement to the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this state, may by the said Convention be conveyed to a Convention of the said church in the United States, or in such states as are willing to unite in a constitution of ecclesiastical government, if the same shall be judged most conducive to charity and uniformity of worship.

Done in *Christ Church*, in the city of *Philadelphia*, this 27th day of *May*, in the year of our Lord 1786. Witness our hands, in ratification of the premises.

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas by an act of association agreed to and adopted in convention on the 24th day of *May*, 1785, sundry of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within this commonwealth, were united under the name of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of *Pennsylvania*"—which association now embraces all those clergy and congregations who did at that time assent to, or have since assented to the same:

And whereas since that time, by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the United States, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same, which recognize each state as constituting a district or diocese with the right to the Churches within the same to exercise a local government over themselves, which has been accordingly exercised by the Protestant Episcopal Churches within the state of *Pennsylvania*, associated as aforesaid; and it

being now deemed expedient more expressly to set forth the system of local government to be exercised within this diocese the following, with the act of association, is declared to be the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of Pennsylvania.

1. This Church as a constituent part of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, accedes to, recognizes, and adopts the general constitution of that Church and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

2. There shall be a stated convention of the Church in this state, at Philadelphia, on the first Tuesday in May, in every year, unless a different time and place be fixed on by a preceding convention.

3. The bishop shall have power to call a special convention when he may judge it conducive to the good of the Church, or when applied to for that purpose by the standing committee: and in case of a vacancy in the Episcopal chair, the standing committee shall have power to call a special convention.

4. The convention shall be composed both of clergymen and laymen. Every clergyman of the Church resident within the state, except such as are declared to be disqualified by the Canons of the General Convention, shall ex officio be a member of the convention; and each incorporated or otherwise regularly established Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese, now a party to the above stated act of association, or which shall hereafter be admitted a member of the convention, may send to the convention a deputy or deputies, not more than three—to be elected by the vestry of such church. Where two or more churches are united under one vestry, each church shall nevertheless be entitled to send deputies.

5. The bishop shall preside in the Convention—but in case of a vacancy or necessary absence, the members shall elect a president from among the clergy.

6. A secretary shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual convention from among the members thereof, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next convention. His duty shall be to take minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their Journals and records, to attest the public acts of the body, and

faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and papers, relative to the concerns of the convention, which may be in his possession. Such other officers also shall be appointed as the Convention may find occasion for, to remain in office for such time as they may direct.

7. The clergy and lay deputies in Convention, shall deliberate in one body, and shall vote as such, except when it is required otherwise by five members. In such a case the Convention shall vote as two distinct orders, and the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to give validity to a measure—and such clergymen and lay deputies as shall at any time be duly assembled in Convention, shall be a quorum—and on every question the votes of a majority of those present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of those present of the two orders respectively, shall decide.

8. The standing committee and council of advice shall consist of ten members, five clerical and five lay members. At their first meeting they shall elect one of their clerical members to be president, and another of their members to be secretary.—They shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, subject to the inspection of the Convention. Any three of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum, except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, may require a larger number. They may make rules of meeting and business, and alter or repeal them from time to time.

9. The election of a bishop of this diocese shall be made in Convention in the following manner: The order of the clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot some fit and qualified clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved of by the lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine a choice, provided that two-thirds of all the clergy entitled to votes be present, and two-thirds of all the congregations entitled to votes be represented, otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine a choice.

10. The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: a proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing, and considered in the Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over

to the next Convention; and, if again approved of in the next ensuing Convention, by a majority of the two orders voting thereon separately, the change shall take place, and the constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

CANONS.

THE CANONS OF 1795.

CANON I.

Of Presentments.

Every trial in this church for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment made, either by the convention, or by the vestry of the parish to which the accused party belongs, specifying the crime of which the party is accused.

CANON II.

Of inquiries on Presentments.

Presentment for misbehaviour being made as aforesaid, the Bishop, with the consent of the Council of Advice, shall appoint a commissary, who shall repair to the church or parish where the abuse is said to have happened, and shall there, after summons of the parties, and the hearing of the witnesses, establish and authenticate all such facts as may be necessary to an investigation of the subject, reporting the same to the bishop; and the record shall be of full authority, unless error or mal-practice being proved, a new examination shall be ordered; and the testimony taken as aforesaid, shall be signed by the witnesses, and the whole record of proceedings by the commissary; and on the examination of any witness, a magistrate shall be requested to administer to him or her an oath or affirmation, if the accused party requires it.

CANON III.

Of Penalties.

The bishop, or any clergyman appointed by him, as a commissary, with assessors to be appointed, as in the next article, shall proceed to a full examination of the causes, and to a final sentence, which in the case of a clergyman may be admonition, sus-

pension or degradation; and in the case of either clergyman or layman, may be exclusion from the Holy Communion, or the disavowing of the party as any longer a member of this church. Provided that no sentence of degradation shall pass, otherwise than is ordered in the sixth article of the general Ecclesiastical Constitution. Provided further, that due notice of the time and place of trial be given to the party accused, who shall then and there attend, unless prevented by some reasonable cause, to be judged of by the bishop and assessors, in which case another notice shall be given as before, and the party accused be furnished with a copy of the charge, at least one month before the trial; and in failure of attendance, no sentence shall pass for any other crime than that of contumacy, which however shall subject him to the same penalties, as if the evil practice imputed to him had been proved.

CANON IV.

Of Assessors on Trials.

On the trial of a clergyman, there shall be four clergymen appointed by the bishop, with the knowledge and consent of the council of advice, out of which number, the party accused shall choose any two, as assessors; the whole number as above, having been convened on summons issued by a secretary, who shall be appointed by the Convention, and until such secretary be appointed, the secretary of the Convention shall serve in that capacity. In every decision, there shall be an agreement of the major number, of the Bishop, or Commissary, and the assessors, as to matter of fact; and sentence shall be given by the Bishop or Commissary, according to the Canons.

In the case of a layman, the proceedings shall be as above, only that there shall be in addition to the above clergymen, three lay assessors, the major part of whom shall find the facts, before any sentence shall be given; which three lay assessors shall be chosen by the party accused, out of six laymen of the congregation to which he belongs, who shall be summoned for the purpose, with the knowledge and consent of the council of advice.

CANON V.

Of the trial of a Bishop.

If the presentment be of any bishop of the church in this state, which shall only be by the Convention thereof, it shall be made to

two or more bishops of this church, in any of the United States. Such bishops shall have authority to institute a trial within the diocese of the accused bishop, and the sentence of the said two bishops, or the majority of a greater number, being declared to be grounded on the Canons of the Church, shall be final.

CANON VI.

Of the removal of Ministers from any state into this.

To qualify a clergyman coming into this state, from any of the states in the Union, to settle and officiate as a clergyman; it shall be necessary to obtain a licence thereunto, from the bishop: and to entitle him to such licence, he shall produce from the bishop, (or if there be no bishop, from the standing committee of the Convention of the state from which he removes,) a certificate of his good moral conduct, and orderly compliance with the institutions and government of the church, while in his or their district; and on such certificate being produced, the Bishop of the church in this state shall give, to the party, the licence required.

CANON VII.

Of the celebration of Marriages.

No minister of this Church shall celebrate any marriage without having as sufficient testimony, as the nature of the case admits, that there is no lawful impediment; and if there be any doubt in regard to either of the parties, as to his or her being of age or free; then there appearing to be a master or mistress, parent or guardian, shall make it necessary to have the consent of such master or mistress, parent or guardian. And if the minister be duly certified that there is no legal impediment, he then may, and, if either of the parties be of the congregation of the minister, it shall be his duty to join them in marriage.

THE CANON OF 1796.

Concerning misbehaviour of clergymen residing in another state.

If a clergyman residing in another state, shall come into this state, and act in open violation of the Canons, and on a representation being made thereof to the ecclesiastical authority in that state, it shall appear that the said clergyman is not considered as a member of that church; it shall, in such case, be the duty of the

bishop of this state to give notice to the congregations belonging to his diocese or district, that such clergyman is not considered for the present as a clergyman of this church, and that his officiating in their churches is prohibited.

THE CANON OF 1797.

*On the general state of the church.**

THE CANON OF 1811.

A canon concerning presentments.†

THE CANONS OF 1812.

CANON I.

A canon concerning lay assessors.

Whereas, in the case of trial, consequent on the presentation of a lay member of this church, the lay assessors required by the fourth canon of 1795 may not conveniently be obtained from the congregation of the accused party consistently with security for impartiality; the bishop, with the consent of the council of advice, if in their judgment the circumstances of the case shall so require, may summon lay assessors from any other congregation or congregations of this church, any thing to the contrary in the fourth Canon of 1795 notwithstanding.

CANON II.

A canon concerning presentments.

Presentment may be made for misbehaviour, within this church; not only by the Convention, and by any vestry, as provided for in the first of the canons passed in 1795; but by any three members of the church, being communicants, they pledging themselves to support the charge or charges by them exhibited: provided that the presentment and documents accompanying it be in writing, and be first laid before the bishop, and by him before the council of advice, with the names of the witnesses, and the points to which the proffered testimony applies; and provided also it be not rejected by the bishop, with the concurrence of the council as either futile in itself, or unsupported by the evidence. But the pre-

* This canon is now superseded by the canons of the general Convention.

† This canon has been repealed.

sentees, if trial should proceed, shall be at liberty to bring further evidence, and the Canon passed in 1811, is hereby repealed.

THE CANON OF 1821.

To entitle a congregation to admission into the Protestant Episcopal church of the state of Pennsylvania.

To entitle a congregation to admission into the Protestant Episcopal church of the state of Pennsylvania, it shall hereafter be required, that the congregation requesting to be admitted, shall exhibit to the convention the original, or a certified copy, of their articles of association, or charter of incorporation, as the case may be; and it shall appear therein, that such congregation accedes to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the said church, and of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States. And further, that the said charter or act of association has been duly submitted to the bishop and standing committee, or in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, to the standing committee, and approved, as recommended by existing regulations. And if their approbation be withheld, they shall report to the convention the charter or articles of association, with the reasons of their disapprobation, for its final decision in the case.

REGULATIONS, &c.

1. With respect to the delegation to the General Convention, if, at any time, any member or members appointed should decline, or, through some unavoidable circumstance, be unable to attend, on notice being given to the other members of the delegation, of the same order, they shall appoint, for the time being, a substitute or substitutes in his or their place.

2. The standing committee as appointed by the 8th article of the Constitution, shall be a council of advice, with whom the bishop may consult, in the execution of his office.

3. The secretary of the standing committee and council of advice is hereby directed to lay the minutes of the preceding year's business annually before the Convention.

4. It is recommended to the vestries of the several churches not incorporated, to apply to the judges of the supreme court, ac-

cording to law, for charters of incorporation, which charters before they are presented to the judges, shall be laid before the bishop and his council of advice for approbation, and ought to be as nearly similar throughout the state, as local circumstances will admit.

5. The vestry of every congregation or church now vacant, or unprovided with a minister, or such as shall hereafter become vacant, ought to have a standing subscription prepared, either in cash or pew-rents, or partly in both, for a term of not less than three years, conditioned for a punctual payment of the same, to such minister as shall be duly elected and settled, according to the established rules of the several churches; and the profits and rents of glebes, where there are any, shall be applied only during a vacancy, to institute a capital fund, bearing interest for the use of the minister of such church for the time being, excepting only where the donor of such glebe, may have applied any part of the rents thereof to other pious purposes.

6. It is hereby declared that the African Church of St. Thomas, in the city of Philadelphia, is not entitled to send a clergyman or deputies to the Convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Episcopal Church, this condition being made, in consideration of their peculiar circumstances at present.

7. It shall be the duty of the secretary of the Convention to give notice, in future, of the annual day of the Convention, to every clergyman of this church, within the state, and to add in each notice to every clergyman not residing in the city, that he is requested to give notice of the said annual day, not only to the wardens and vestrymen of his own congregation, but to those of every vacant congregation which may be in his vicinity; and the said duty is to be performed by the secretary, that the notices may be received at least one month before the annual day.

8. It is hereby declared, that if a bishop should be consecrated for any state to the westward, and it should be thought expedient that the churches of this state westward of the Alleghany mountains should be under the superintendence of the Bishop so contemplated, this convention consent to the same, on such terms as may be approved of by the Bishop and the council of advice of this church.

9. Whereas, it is a general opinion entertained by all true episcopals, that the apostolic authority of the holy christian ministry, has been handed down by an uninterrupted succession of bishops in the church of God, it is but reasonable to expect that they should consider it as a duty incumbent on them, to use their best endeavours for the support of it: And whereas, a considerable donation has been left by the late Andrew Doz, Esqr. towards a fund for the support of a Bishop in the State of Pennsylvania, it is proposed that the Convention take order for completing the fund of which he has so generously laid the foundation.—Therefore resolved:

I. That, with the concurrence of the present venerable bishop, it be enjoined as the duty of every settled clergyman of this church, once in every year to preach a sermon on the apostolic succession, or on such other appropriate subject as to him shall seem best adapted to promote the important object in view.

II. That a contribution shall then be made by the congregation, for the sole and express purpose of making provision for supporting the episcopate in this state.

III. That the money so collected shall be forwarded to the treasurer, to be appointed by this convention, whose duty it shall be to keep a regular account of all the monies received, and to make a report to the annual convention of the church.

IV. It shall be the duty of the said treasurer, to consult with the bishop and standing committee of the church, on the best mode of *securing* and making the *fund productive*.

V. That not only the money received from the collections after service, but the interest thereof, shall be kept together and made an increasing fund; until in the opinion of a future convention it shall be thought expedient to apply the proceeds thereof to the proposed object.

X. At the opening of every annual convention a sermon shall be delivered suitable to the occasion, by a clergyman appointed previously thereto: and this duty shall never be omitted except when the bishop shall deliver a charge; and notice of the said charge or sermon shall be given to every congregation in this city, on the Sunday previous to its being delivered.

11. It is the opinion of this convention that it will not be decorous in any clergyman to have his conventional sermon printed, unless the printing thereof be solicited by two thirds of the convention before whom such sermon is delivered.

12. The churches in this diocese shall annually contribute a certain sum for the purpose of defraying such expenses as the convention may incur, and for defraying the expenses of the delegates to the General Convention; and the said sum shall be raised according to the following ratio: each of the churches in the city of Philadelphia shall contribute twenty dollars; and all the other congregations throughout the diocese, five dollars each, per annum.

13. The standing committee and council of advice are hereby authorized to consider of and direct proper measures for the vesting of the legacy of Andrew Doz, Esq. to the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and his successors; who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese.

14. It is hereby declared that no certificate of the appointment of a delegate or of delegates to this convention, shall be valid, unless it is signed by a warden, or by two vestrymen.

15. Whereas the regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the convention is of essential consequence to the interests of the church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of every convention the names of the clergy entitled to seats in the convention, shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence. And it is hereby required that those clergymen who continue absent, shall send to this convention their reasons for so doing. And it is hereby recommended, that inattention to this recommendation be made a cause of presentment at some future convention.

16. It is hereby recommended to the several congregations in the diocese, not to permit their respective houses of worship to be used for any secular object whatever.

17. In order to give effect to the fortieth canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each minister of this church shall keep a register of all the baptisms, marriages, and funerals solemnized by him in the discharge of his ministry;

specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptized, and the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite was performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the vestry of each church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the communicants within his cure, as nearly as can be conveniently obtained.

18. Whereas it is determined by the constitution of the church in this diocese, that the day of Annual Convention may be appointed by that body from time to time; and whereas, since the change of the day of the General Convention, the distance of the same from the immediately precedent Convention of the Diocese is inconveniently great, the annual day of the latter Convention shall be from this time, the first Tuesday in May in every year: on which day no other business shall be transacted than the organizing of the body; so as that they may be ready for further transactions on the day succeeding; on the morning of which succeeding day, there shall be the service and sermon.

19. It shall be the duty of the secretary of this Convention, on the printing of any pastoral letter of the bishops in General Convention, to send a copy thereof to every clergyman in the diocese; and as many copies as the number in possession may afford, to the church-wardens of every congregation within the same: such copies to be for the perusal of the members of the respective congregations, under such reasonable regulations as circumstances may dictate.

Further, If any parochial minister should deem it to be expedient to read the pastoral letter to his congregation, the same may be done by him, at such time as shall be judged the most expedient.

20. The Holy Communion shall be administered at the opening of every annual Convention.

21. Whereas the bequest of the late Andrew Doz, esquire, to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and his successors, is, by the terms thereof given to such bishop, "who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese,"—and

Whereas, in pursuance of certain resolutions adopted by the

Convention on the 26th May, 1806, and confirmed by the Convention of 1814, a considerable sum of money has been contributed by the members of the Churches of this state, eastward of the Alleghany mountains, "for completing the fund of which he *had* so liberally laid the *foundation;*"

And whereas it was intended, and is implied by the said resolutions, although not so expressed, that the money so raised, and to be raised, shall, when in the opinion of a future Convention it shall be thought expedient, be applied to the same purpose which was contemplated by the donor of the foundation of the fund, of which it forms a part,—and it is expedient to prevent any apprehension which a change of circumstances might give rise to on this subject;

It is therefore hereby declared, that the sums of money heretofore raised, and all such as shall hereafter be raised by virtue and in pursuance of the resolutions beforementioned, shall be exclusively appropriated to the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church and his successors, "who shall have the city of Philadelphia within his diocese."

22. The Standing Committee is authorized to supply any vacancy that may occur in its body. The members of the same order, in which the vacancy occurs, shall supply the place.

23. A committee shall be appointed at least one year before the sitting of the General Convention to draft, with the advice and consent of the bishop, a report of the state of the church in this diocese, to be presented to the next General Convention, through the hands of the bishop, or the clerical and lay deputies.

24. A treasurer of the Convention and of the Episcopal fund, shall be chosen upon the assembling of the annual convention of this diocese, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next convention. He shall perform all the duties usually appertaining to the office of a treasurer. His accounts shall close on the Tuesday before the meeting of the Convention, and shall be submitted to the examination of the Standing Committee of the diocese. And the said Standing Committee shall report thereon to the Convention.

25. In order that the forty-fifth Canon of the General Convention may be carried into full effect, it is hereby declared to be the

duty of the Clergy, to state in their reports to the Convention the number of adult baptisms, (if any) that have been performed by them, and to give an account of the adult and sunday schools in their Congregations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.
2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and, without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

DIRECTIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

I. *Concerning the admission of Candidates.*

1. Every person who wishes to become a Candidate for orders, shall give notice of his intention to the Bishop. And, (*Canon VII.*)

2. Before he can be admitted as such by the Bishop, he must produce to him "a certificate from the Standing Committee;" in order to obtain which he must, if not personally known to the Committee, lay before them the following testimonial:---

"To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

"We believe from personal knowledge that A. B. hath lived piously, soberly, and honestly; that he is attached to the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and, further, in our opinion, he possesses such qualifications as may render him apt and meet to exercise the ministry to the glory of God, and the edifying of the Church. (Canon VII.)

[Date,]

The Canon does not state by whom this testimonial to the Committee shall be signed; but they expect the signatures of several respectable persons, and would prefer those of the minister and vestrymen of the parish where the applicant resides.

3. He must also "lay before the Standing Committee a satisfactory diploma, or certificate, from the instructors of some approved literary institution, or a certificate from two presbyters, appointed by the ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese to examine him, of his possessing such academical learning as will enable him to enter advantageously on a course of Theology." (*Canon VIII. of 1820.*)

II. *Concerning admission to Holy Orders.*

1. A Candidate, before he can be ordained Deacon, must exhibit to the Bishop a testimonial of the Standing Committee; in order to which he must lay before the Committee the following testimonial:---

"To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

"We do hereby testify to the piety, good morals, and orderly conduct, for three years last past, of A. B. and that he hath not, as far

as we know and believe, written, taught, or held any thing contrary to the doctrine or discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church." (Canon XII.)

[Date.]

2. A Deacon, before he can be ordained Priest, must exhibit to the Bishop a testimonial of the Standing Committee; and in order to obtain this, he must lay before the Committee, his letters of orders as Deacon and with it, a testimonial in the form above recited; except that the words "*for three years last past*" must be altered to "*since his ordination as Deacon.*" The above testimonial, whether of a Candidate to be ordained Deacon, or of a Deacon to be ordained Priest, must be signed by the minister, (if there be one), and by the vestry of the parish where the applicant resides: they having such evidence as they deem satisfactory, personal knowledge not being essential. (Canon XII.) But,

3. The applicant, whether for Deacons' or for Priests' orders, shall also lay before the Standing Committee testimonials to the same effect with the above, signed by at least one respectable clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, *from his personal knowledge* of the Candidate for at least one year. (Canon XII.)

N. B. The above regulations apply to ordinary cases. When peculiar circumstances exist, a farther reference to the Canons will show the course to be pursued.

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IN THE

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LIST

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WHO COMPOSED

THE

CONVENTION.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. bishop, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. senior assistant minister of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Moses P. Bennet*, deacon, officiating at Greensburg and Kittanning.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Berks County, St. Mary's, Chester county, and Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, associate rector of St. James's, Lancaster, St. John's, Pequea, and rector of Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *William H. Delancey*, assistant minister of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, rector of St. Luke's, Germantown.

The Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, assistant minister of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, rector of St. Stephen's church Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, deacon, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

The Rev. *William Augustus Muhlenberg*, associate rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, and St. John's church, Pequea, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. *William Thompson*, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburg, Alleghany county.

LAY DELEGATES.

Adams county. Huntington, Christ's church, *John H. Marsden*, *M. C. Clarkson*.

Chester county. East Nantmeal Township, St. Mary's church, *Clement Brooke*.

New London Cross-roads, St. John's church, *Thomas Charlton*.
Great Valley, St. Peter's church, *Cromwell Pearce*.

Cumberland county. Carlisle, St. John's church, *James B. Gibson*, *Edward J. Stiles*.

Delaware county. Chester, St. Paul's church, *Peter Deshong*.
Marcus Hook, St. Martin's church, *Thomas Robinson*.

Radnor, St. David's church, *Philip Sheaffe*, *John Hunter*.

Huntingdon county. Huntingdon, *Richard Gray*, *Molton C. Rogers*.

Lancaster County. Lancaster, St. James's church, *Robert Coleman*, *Charles L. Smith*, *Molten C. Rogers*.

Pequea, St. John's church, *John Yeates*, *Diller Baker*, *Thomas G. Henderson*.

Leacock, Christ's church, *John Lightner*, *John Dunlap*.

Church Town, Bangor church, *Cyrus Jacobs*, *Edward Davies*.

Philadelphia city and county. Christ church, *William Tilghman*, *Thomas H. White*.

St. James's church, *John Read*.

St. Peter's church, *William Meredith*, *John Miller, Jr.*

St. Stephen's church, *Samuel Hazlehurst*.

St. Andrew's church, *Cornelius Stevenson*.

Southwark, Trinity church, Capt. *Edward Wallington*.

Lower Dublin, All Saints church, *Joseph Ashton*.

Oxford, Trinity Church, *William Overington*.

Mantua, St. Mark's church, *Edward Coleman*.

The following clergymen, members of the convention, were not present during this session.

The Rev. *Robert Blackwell*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Hutchins*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Pilmore*, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Frederick Beasley*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, officiating in Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in Pittsburg.

The Rev. *Caleb Hopkins*, rector of St. James's church, Muncy creek, Lycoming county, and St. Gabriel's, Sugar loaf, Columbia county.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, master of the grammar school in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, Northern Liberties, and temporary rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brinckle*, rector of St. David's church, Radnor, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. *John Rodney Jr.*, rector of Trinity church Easton, Northampton county.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, rector of St. James's church, Bristol, Bucks county.

The Rev. *Samuel Sitgreaves*, deacon, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *John P. Rausman, Jr.* officiating in the churches of Fayette county.

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Lancaster, Tuesday May 13th, 1823.

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church in the State of Pennsylvania, the Rt. Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and several clergy and lay delegates attended in St. James's church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the Rev. William H. De Lancey read the following document.

Extract from the minutes of the Standing committee of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

" Philadelphia, March 8, 1823.

Resolved, that, whereas the office of Secretary of the Convention is vacant, in consequence of the displacing of Mr. Roche from the ministry, the Rev. Mr. De Lancey be appointed to supply the vacancy until the opening of the next State Convention."

A true copy,

JACKSON KEMPER,

Secretary.

The list of the clergy entitled to seats, was called over, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Joseph Clarkson*, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock, Lancaster County; the Rev. *Jackson Kemper*, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peters, and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Levi Bull*, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks County, St. Mary's Church, Chester County, and Bangor

Church, Churchtown, Lancaster County; the Rev. *Benjamin Allen*, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. *William A. Muhlenberg*, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Pequea, Lancaster County; the Rev. *Joseph Spencer*, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland County; the Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, Rector of St. James's, Perkiomen, and St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery County; the Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County; the Rev. *William Thomson*, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Alleghany County; the Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook; the Rev. *Norman Nash*, Deacon, Minister of St. John's Church, Huntingdon County.

The following Lay Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, and took their seats :—

From Christ Church, Philadelphia, the Hon. *William Tilghman*, *Thomas H. White*; from St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, *William Meredith*; from St. James's Church, Philadelphia, *John Read*; from Trinity Church, Southwark, Capt. *Edward Wallington*; from St. John's Church, Carlisle, Hon. *James B. Gibson*, *Edward J. Stiles*; from Bangor Church, Churchtown, *Cyrus Jacobs*, *Edward Davies*; from St. Paul's Church, Chester, *Peter Deshong*; from St. John's Church, Huntingdon, *Richard C. Gray*, *Molton C. Rogers*; from St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, *Thomas Robinson*; from Christ's Church, Huntingdon, Adams County, *John H. Marsden*, *M. C. Clarkson*; from St. Mary's Church, Chester County, *Clement Brooks*; from St. James's Church, Lancaster, *Molton C. Rogers*, *C. S. Smith*; from St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County, *Cromwell Pearce*.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey was appointed Secretary.

The Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Wednesday, May 14th.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was conducted by the Rev. *Dr. Abercrombie*, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.

The following Clergymen, members of the Convention, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia; the Rev. *George Sheets*, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saint's Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County; the Rev. *Moses P. Bennet*, Deacon, Minister of Christ's Church, Greensburg.

The following Lay Delegates having produced the testimonials of their appointment, took their seats.

From St. David's Church, Radnor, Delaware County, *Philip Sheaffe*, *John Hunter*; from Christ's Church, (Leacock,) Lancaster County, *John Lightner*, *John Dunlap*; from Trinity Church, Oxford, Philadelphia County, *William Overington*; from St. John's Church, Pequea, Lancaster County, *John Yeates*, *Diller Baker*, *Thomas G. Henderson*; from All Saints's Church, Philadelphia County, *Joseph Ashton*; from St. Mark's Church, Mantua, Philadelphia County, *Edward Coleman*; from St. James's Church, Lancaster, *Robert Coleman*.

On motion of Mr. *Read*, St. Andrew's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, was duly admitted into union with the Convention; and *Cornelius Stevenson* having presented the certificate of his appointment, took his seat as Lay Delegate from that Church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, St. Stephen's Church, in the City of Philadelphia, was duly admitted into union with the Convention, and *Samuel Hazlehurst*, Lay Delegate from the same, presented his certificate and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Thompson*, Christ's Church, Greensburg, Westmoreland county, was received into union with the convention.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to report the number of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to which, agreeably to the Constitution of the same, this Diocese is entitled.

Mr. *Meredith*, Mr. *Miller*, and Mr. *Smith* were appointed.

The Convention then adjourned until half past three o'clock in the afternoon.

Wednesday, half past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Right Rev. BISHOP WHITE, in compliance with the 45th canon of the general convention, read the following address upon the state of the Church in this Diocese.

Brethren, the Clergy, and Lay Deputies of this Convention—

The following communication is made in compliance with the requisitions of the 45th Canon.

On the 5th of May, in the forenoon, I preached and confirmed in All Saint's Church, Lower Dublin; and in the afternoon of that day I did the same in Trinity Church, Oxford.

On the 30th of May, I laid the corner stone of a Church in the city of Philadelphia, which Church was called after the name of the first martyr, St. Stephen.

On the 23d day of July, I attended and presided at the annual meeting of the Trustees of the Theological Seminary in New-York; on which occasion it was matter of great satisfaction to me, to witness the progress made at so early a period of an Institution, which is likely, under the blessing of God, to be the nursery of a pious, learned, and a zealous ministry in our Church. This leads me to mention, that in consequence of the exertions of some respectable ladies of the City of Philadelphia, there has been established a scholarship in that Institution, by the deposit of \$2500 in its Treasury. The sum exacted by the laws of the Institution is \$2000; but the ladies have exceeded the requisition. They have done me the honour to call the Scholarship after my name; and the appointment of a scholar, is to be permanently in the ecclesiastical authority of this diocese.

On the 5th of September, I laid the corner stone of a Church in the City of Philadelphia, to be called St. Andrew's Church.

On the 15th of the same month, in the forenoon, I preached and confirmed in St. Mary's Church, Chester County; and on the afternoon of that day, I did the same in Bangor Church, Lancaster County.

On the 27th of the same month, I admitted to Priests Orders, under letters dimissory from Bishop Bowen, Peter Vanpelt, junr. formerly of this Diocese.

On the 17th of October, I laid the corner stone of a small Church in a settlement called Francisville, at the distance of about a mile from the City of Philadelphia, to the north-west. The Church is to be called after the name of St. Matthew.

On the 29th of October, I consecrated Emanuel Church, in the Borough of New Castle, in the State of Delaware; on which occasion I preached, and administered the Lord's supper.

On the 22d day of December, in St. James's Church, in the city of Philadelphia, I ordained to the Holy Order of Priests, Joseph Jaquett, of this Diocese.

On the 28th of February, I consecrated St. Stephen's Church; the corner stone of which had been laid, as already stated.

Persons confirmed by me within the year are 210 in number.

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The dates of confirmations held in the Churches under my pastoral care, have not been noticed.

The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, jr. who had been ordained in this his native state, but had been settled for some time in South Carolina, has returned, and taken the charge of the Episcopal congregation in Wilkes-Barre: in which Borough there has been lately erected a handsome and commodious Church, expected to be consecrated in the ensuing season.

The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, originally of the Diocese of New York, and since of that of North Carolina, has become a Clergyman of this Diocese; being engaged for the Church of St. Andrew, now nearly finished, and expected to be consecrated in the course of the present month.

The Rev. James Montgomery has been elected rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, and has entered on the duties of his office.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey has been elected assistant Minister of Christ-Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, in the city of Philadelphia.

The Rev. Richard Umpstead Morgan, who was ordained a Deacon during the last convention, has taken the charge of St. Paul's Church, Chester, and of St. Martin's, Marcus Hook.

The Rev. George B. Shaeffer has resigned the charge of St. John's Church, York, having returned to the Diocese of Maryland.

The Rev. John P. Bausman, jr. who had been ordained in the Diocese of Maryland, has taken the charge of the congregations of Brownsville and Connelsville, in Fayette county.

The Rev. Joseph Spencer, formerly of this Diocese, but resident for some years past in that of Maryland, has undertaken the charge of the congregation in Carlisle; being also appointed a professor in Dickerson College, in that Borough.

The Rev. Moses P. Bennet, who had been ordained a Deacon in Connecticut, and sent a Missionary by the Society for the advancement of Christianity to the Western counties of this state, has been, and is still, successfully employed in raising congregations in Greensburg and Kittaning.

The Rev. Norman Nash, formerly a Deacon of the Diocese of Virginia, has been transferred to this Diocese. Since his settlement in it he has been employed principally in efforts for the erection of St. Matthew's Church, and for the organization of a congregation to worship in it: but he has lately visited some

vacant congregations in Huntingdon County, at which there is a probability he may be settled.

Charles G. Snowden, formerly a Presbyterian of this Church, has been displaced by me from the Ministry, agreeably to the provisions of the 7th canon of 1820.

The same has taken place in reference to Manning B. Roche, formerly a Presbyterian of this Church, and rector of Trinity church, Southwark; of which the Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's Church, in the Northern Liberties, has taken the provisional charge.

The only person admitted as a candidate during the present year, is Wm. Levington, a coloured man.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, have continued their exertions, which have been blessed by a considerable degree of usefulness; although not sustained by a patronage adequate to its importance. There will be submitted to the convention a narrative of their proceedings: in which it should be especially noticed, that the annual subscription has been lessened, under the expectation that the loss from that measure will be more than balanced by an increase of the number of contributors.

Its auxiliary, the Female Tract Society, has continued their publications with considerable benefit. There has been lately a suspension of their distributions, in consequence of a fire, which, originating in a neighbouring house, consumed that of the Book-seller in whose office the tracts were deposited. A considerable proportion of the tracts were consumed; and as no small number of those rescued from the flames were in sheets and scattered, it required time to review and to arrange them.

The Prayer Book Society has become merged in the Society for the Advancement of Christianity; to be in future a branch of it, agreeably to a provision in its constitution. In consequence of too liberal a distribution gratuitously, the benefit will be for some time limited to the furnishing of the book on cheap terms, by means of the stereotype plates.

The Sunday schools are in successful operation. In my last communication I mentioned the Sunday school society, as distinct from the more local associations formed for the giving of instruction in their respective schools; the other being designed exclusively for the furnishing of books on the cheapest terms, to the schools which have been taken into their connexion. It is probable that the knowledge of the advantage of such a connexion has not been sufficiently diffused.

The stock of the corporation for the support of the widows and children of deceased clergymen, has increased to the amount of thirty thousand dollars; the annual produce of which, considerably exceeds the legal demands resting on it. We have reason to apprehend; that the knowledge of the existence of such a fund, may create expectations which cannot be gratified, consistently with fidelity to the trust, of which there would be a manifest breach, if any portion of the income should be bestowed on any family of a clergyman, without its having been purchased for them, by his annual contributions.

My confidence is still possessed by the Bible society of Philadelphia; to which it will be continued, so long as they shall continue to act on the ground of their original organization. It has been said, that in some societies, formed under the profession of the same object, of distributing the Bible without note or comment, other objects have been associated; perhaps with a pious design, but inconsistent with promise pledged, and tending to aggravate, instead of diminishing the differences subsisting among christian people.

Every lapse of a year, increases my solicitude to hold up, as a very important object, the creating of a fund for the support of a future Bishop. I suppose it to be generally understood, that I have no personal interest in the subject; but it would be a gratification to me to foresee, that my successor, detached from parochial concerns, will have it in his power to bestow all his labours on the work of the Episcopacy; and thus, be more efficient in the latter line, than has been possible in my case, on account of my parochial engagements. Having passed my seventy-fifth year, it is what ought to remind me that although my health and strength, under a merciful Providence, are equal to what they have been at any period of my life, there must, ere long, be a decline of body, and perhaps of mind, even in the uncertain event of there being still a lengthening of my days.

It has appeared to me, that the instituting of a Theological Seminary, has been met by the general approbation of the members of our church, and yet there does not seem to exist a due consideration of the expense necessary for the conducting of it on a plan adequate to its importance. In addition to this, the liberal bequest of a public spirited member of our church in the state of New York, seems to have been considered by some, as almost sufficient for the satisfying of the call on the generosity of the public. This is a mistake, as must be known by those who are conversant in the construction of institutions of the description stated. It is to be hoped, that further information will produce

more correct habits of thinking on the subject; an issue which may be effected by statements of the clergy, and of influential gentlemen of the laity, as opportunities may offer.

It is a matter known to those who are prominent in the concerns of our church in this state, and doubtless the same is felt in other sections of the Union, that we receive most pressing entreaties for the extension of beneficence beyond our respective bounds; especially to the scattered episcopalians, who have seated themselves in the states which have derived their existence from the federal union. There is also a sentiment considerably prevalent, that it has become a christian duty, to add our efforts to the many recently put forth, as well in America as in Europe, for the evangelizing of heathen nations. In my last annual communication, there was stated the fact, of there having been organized a society by the public wisdom of our church, for domestic and foreign missions. It has also been thought proper, to make the city of Philadelphia, in this state, the seat from which the combined energies are to be put forth. Your Bishop is aware of the weight of the claims lying on us, from the many places within our own diocese, destitute of the means of grace. He, however, considers it as his duty to declare the opinion that the objects stated have also their claims on us not to be disregarded, consistently with the extensive requisitions of christian charity. It will be seen on attention to the constitution of the society, that every contributor has his choice of pouring his bounty either into the channel of the domestic, or into that of the foreign object; and while the opinion is here expressed, that the former was designed to be the most prominent, it is with the expectation, that in the disposal of what the public liberality may supply without the restraint of appropriation, the society will regard the latter object also, in proportion to the means with which they may be furnished.

At the last convention, a committee was appointed, who, in concurrence with the bishop, might make provision for the supply of destitute congregations. The committee have bestowed their attention on that important work, and with considerable effect; as it will lie on them to make report to the convention, the less may be said on the subject in this address.

Before the concluding of the communication, the deliverer of it is desirous of stating the view which he takes of the very delicate department of administering the discipline of the church; especially in the painful task of noticing delinquency in any of his clerical brethren, in regard either to error in doctrine, or to immorality of life.

On the first of these subjects, the danger of infringing on latitude of sentiment, in matters not extending to the denial of the essential doctrines of the gospel as held by our church, and assented to at ordination, ought to produce caution relative to such diversity, as may reasonably be thought to subsist, without detriment to the degree of uniformity exacted by our articles and our services: and yet, all considerate persons will be aware of the difficulty of determining the point, at which error ceases to be harmless.

On the other of the two subjects, it so often happens, that there are propagated reports ascertained on inquiry to be without foundation, and it likewise so often happens, that when perhaps they are well founded, the reporters of them shrink from the bearing of testimony to what they will not be backward to affirm in ordinary conversation, that a bishop, however disposed to dissolve the connexion between the church and an unworthy clergyman, ought to be conscientiously awake to the danger of giving countenance to slander, especially, as rashness of this sort would unite, in his person, the character of an accuser with that of a judge.

The embarrassment arising from both of these sources, has been considerably lessened by a canon passed in the General Convention of 1820, providing a process by which a minister may render his severance from the ministry his own act. It is a process less painful to his feelings, than that provided by the 26th and 27th canons of 1808; and therefore he has strong inducements to have recourse to it. The canon of 1820, however, has been sometimes misunderstood, as if purporting no more than suspension from the exercise of the ministerial function. For this reason, the notice of it is introduced at present; and the wish is expressed, that the well informed members of the church, and the clergy in particular, would make known, as opportunity may serve, that a sentence, under the said canon, effects complete dismissal from the ministry, and ought to operate as a caution against the considering of the party as an ordained minister: the authority conferred on him in ordination having ceased.

I have nothing to add, brethren, but my wishes that your deliberations may be blessed to the good of the church, and the assurance of my hearty concurrence in what may have a tendency to that desirable object.

WILLIAM WHITE.

Thomas Charlton, a delegate from St. John's Church, near New London cross-roads, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, the rules of order were read.

On motion of Mr. *Read*, the following substitute for the 24th. regulation was adopted.

"A Treasurer of the convention, and a Treasurer of the Episcopal fund, shall be chosen upon the assembling of the Annual Convention of this Diocese, who shall remain in office until the meeting of the next convention. They shall perform all the duties usually appertaining to the office of a treasurer. Their accounts shall close on the Tuesday before the meeting of the Convention, and shall be submitted to the examination of the standing committee of the diocese. And the said standing committee shall report thereon to the convention."

Mr. *John Read* was chosen by ballot Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund; and Mr. *Thomas H. White* Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Muhlenburg*, the committee on the state of the Church, appointed by the last convention, was called upon to report.

The committee stated that unavoidable circumstances had prevented them from preparing a report.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Delegates to the General Convention be a committee to prepare, with the sanction of the Bishop, a report on the state of the Church, to be made to the General convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, the following amendment to the constitution was introduced, and approved by the convention, to be acted on at the next annual convention, viz.

Resolved, That the 4th article of the constitution of the Church in this state be amended, so as to read after the words "*deputy or deputies*," "*worshippers in the said Church*."

Mr. *Meredith*, from the committee on the subject of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, presented the following report:

The committee appointed to inquire, and to report the number of trustees which this convention is entitled to nominate for the General Theological seminary, agreeably to the constitution thereof, report,

That by the constitution, each Diocese is entitled to one trustee, to an additional trustee for every eight Clergymen within its bounds, and to an additional trustee for every \$2000 contributed

to the seminary, until the sum amounts to \$10,000 and to one for every \$10,000 exceeding the first.

Applying this rule, it appears that the Diocese of Pennsylvania is entitled in that character to one trustee, having thirty-two Clergymen, it is further entitled to four trustees; and that the contributions to the establishment of the "Bishop White Scholarship," (in which there is an excess of \$500 above the sum necessary for that purpose, being \$2000,) entitles it to one additional trustee—that besides this excess of \$500, a considerable sum has been contributed, making, as there is reason to believe, in the whole, a sum sufficient to entitle this Diocese to one other trustee.

The committee therefore propose, that this convention should nominate six trustees absolutely, and one upon the condition that it shall appear at the next meeting of the general convention, that the total of contributions to the seminary from this Diocese amount to, or exceed, \$4,000.

W. MEREDITH,
CHARLES SMITH,
JOHN MILLER, Jr.

The Rev. Mr. *Kemper* read the minutes of the standing committee of the Diocese during the past year.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, the convention then proceeded to the election of Delegates to the general convention.

The Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, and the Rev. Mr. *Muhlenberg*, of the Clergy, and Messrs. *Sitgreaves*, *Stiles*, *Read* and *Meredith*, of the Laity, were chosen.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Bull*, the convention proceeded to ballot for members of the standing committee and council of advice, and the Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, Rev. Dr. *Abercrombie*, and the Rev. Mr. *Allen*, of the Clergy, with Messrs. *Dale*, *Read*, *Commigys* and *Wheeler*, of the Laity, were elected.

On motion of Mr. *Read*—*Henry Hollingsworth* and *John M. Price, Esqrs.* were appointed the committee of accounts.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, the parochial reports from the following parishes were read—

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Christ Church, Philadelphia, female school—19 teachers—60 scholars—male—4 teachers—35 scholars.

St. James's Church, Philadelphia, female school—12 teachers—80 scholars—male—3 teachers—50 scholars.

St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia, female school—10 teachers—60 scholars—male—4 teachers—50 scholars.

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Christ-Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, the Rt. Rev. William White, rector, Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, and Rev. Messrs. Kemper and De Lancey, assistant ministers,—baptisms 146—burials 135—communicants 425.

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St. Paul's church, Philadelphia, the Rev. B. Allen, rector—communicants 210 (of which 50 were added during the last year)—baptisms (10 adults) 69—marriages 9—funerals 49—Sunday scholars 500 (of which about 200 are persons of colour.)

Bible classes for the benefit of youth have been carried on to considerable extent, and have been found sources of the most signal benefit. The mode of conducting them, by means of *written* questions and answers, has been found more acceptable than that usually adopted.

Among the ladies, a society, entitled the “Pilmore Society of St. Paul's Church,” exists for the purpose of aiding young men who are looking forward to the ministry. Two young men are receiving its support.

Among the young men of the church, a society is in active operation, whose chief object is the distribution of the Homilies in the form of tracts.

The spiritual interests of the church are extremely encouraging in their aspect, and there is reason to hope for a continually increasing blessing. May he “without whom nothing is strong—multiply upon us his mercies.”

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St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. The Rev. James Montgomery rector, deems it proper to record in this first Parochial Report of the church, the following statement.

The corner stone of the present splendid edifice was laid on the 28th of May, 1822—and the church consecrated on the 27th of February, 1823. A large and highly respectable congregation immediately attached itself to the church, and since the commencement of regular service, on the 9th of March, the assembled worshippers have been numerous and attentive.

It not having been yet practicable to propose the register required by canon, the number of communicants cannot now be exactly ascertained—but they may be estimated at about forty. Baptisms (adults 1, infants 7) 8.

Sunday schools have been recently instituted in this church with very flattering prospects of success and usefulness.

Upon the whole, present appearances justify the pleasing expectation, that with the blessing of Heaven, the establishment of this church, will redound to the advancement of the divine glory and the good of souls.

St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, the Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, Jr. minister,—Baptisms, (adults 6, children 26) 32—communicants 31—increase from last year 19—marriages 2—deaths (one of them a communicant) 3.

St. John's Church, (N. L.) Philadelphia, the Rev. George Boyd, rector,—baptisms (adults 5, infants 22) 27—communicants 98—removed and dead 11.

The two Sunday schools belonging to this church are much in the same situation as they were at the time of the last report.

Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia, the Rev. George Boyd temporary rector,—communicants 71—baptisms since the first of January, 3 infants.

The Female Sunday school belonging to this church has 137 children on its roll—and 20 teachers.—The Male school has 100 children—5 teachers, and 9 assistant teachers.

St. John's church, Norristown, the Rev. J. C. Clay, rector,—communicants (deceased and removed 12) 52—baptisms 15—marriages 8—funerals 11—children in Sunday school, about 40.

St. James's church, Perkiomen, the Rev. J. C. Clay, rector—communicants 21—baptisms 5—marriages 14—funerals 7.

St. John's church, Carlisle, the Rev. Joseph Spencer, rector—communicants from 25 to 30—baptisms 5—marriages 2—funerals 1.

There is a Sunday school attached to this church, which contains from fifty to sixty children.

The present state of this congregation would not, perhaps, justify me in saying, that its prospects are very flattering. There is, however, reason to believe, that it is gradually improving both in piety and numbers.

Trinity church, Pittsburgh, the Rev. W. Thompson, rector—baptisms —(adults 2, children 25) 27—communicants 50—marriages 2—funerals 3.

Hopes are entertained that the church in this city is rising from her decayed and scattered state : for the year last past, our congregations have been uniformly good ; there is among our people a growing attachment to our most excellent church ; a considerable zeal for promoting her interests ; tolerably correct views of her distinctive character ; and on the minds of many, a just concern for eternal things.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, the Rev. G. T. Bedell, rector—marriages 2—baptisms 6.

The congregation of this church having been but lately organized, no regular parochial report can of course be given.

Christ's church, Greensburgh, and the church at Kittaning, the Rev. Moses P. Bennet, minister—baptisms at Greensburgh (adults 18, children 43) 61—communicants 21—funerals 4—marriages 1. Baptisms at Kittaning 3—Somerset 2.

As this is the first report which has been made of the Church in Greensburgh, perhaps it will not be improper to remark, that under present circumstances, there appears every prospect of a permanent establishment. During the last summer, of 1822, my exertions were made for the purpose of having our church organized and incorporated according to law, and with the divine blessing, my endeavours have been successful. We obtained a charter : the wardens and vestry then opened a subscription for the purpose of erecting a house of public worship ; and I am happy in stating to this Convention, that on Monday the 5th inst., the corner stone was laid, in expectation of having the whole completed by the first of October next. During the past year, I have preached once at Freeport, and once at Somerset, where I baptized two children ; and it would be of the greatest importance that more labourers could be obtained for this part of our vineyard.

St. James's church, Lancaster, the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, associate rector—baptisms (infants 18, adults 2) 20—funerals 18.

St. John's church, Pequea, the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, associate rector.—baptisms (infants 32, adults 18) 50—funerals not known—communicants —.

Christ's church, Leacock, the Rev. Joseph Clarkson, rector,—baptisms (infants 23, adults 5) 28—funerals not known—communicants not known—marriages 36, in the 3 congregations.

Trinity church, Oxford, the Rev. George Sheets, rector—baptisms 7—communicants 23—burials 23.

All Saints, Lower Dublin, the Rev. G. Sheets, rector—communicants 29—burials 25—marriages 6.

St. John's church, Huntingdon, the Rev. N. Nash, minister.—The members of this Church, notwithstanding the many discouragements and severe rebukes with which they have heretofore been tried, still continue to evince a zeal in the cause of Christ, and an attachment to the interests of the Church, which is truly praiseworthy.

Mr. Nash has officiated in Huntingdon for nearly two months past, during which time he has had the satisfaction of meeting large and attentive congregations; but from the peculiar situation in which they have been unhappily placed, and his short acquaintance with the congregation, cannot state the precise number of actual members. One adult person has been baptized—a promising female bible class commenced—a large Sunday school instituted—and an auxiliary missionary society organized.

In *Lewistown* also the members of the Church manifest a strong desire that the waste places may be built up. The strictest attention is paid to the ministry of the word.

St. James's church, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea, the Rev. William Augustus Muhlenberg, associate rector.—In compliance with the resolution of the last convention, in which the Clergy are recommended to relate whatever facts may exhibit the state of religion in their respective parishes; it is proper to remark, that the church in Lancaster is gradually increasing in numbers, and, it is trusted, in seriousness and piety—though the additions to the communion since the last report have been but small. The Sunday school, in which the ladies of the congregation especially, continue to persevere with becoming zeal, is, perhaps, the most interesting object in the parish—including both departments, about 200 children attend, instructed by 20 teachers. As a proof of the salutary influence of these institutions upon those who conduct them, as well as upon their pupils, it may be mentioned, that several of the teachers have become professors of religion since being engaged in the school.

The bible class consists of about 15 young ladies, whose improvement in biblical knowledge proves the importance and efficiency of this means of conveying scriptural instruction.

Collections have been made for the Episcopal fund, and for the society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania—for the former of which 80 dollars were collected, and for the latter \$50. There are also in the congregation a society, and an association auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary

Society of the P. E. Church of the U. S. which, as the funds of the former are already considerable, it is expected will be able to forward, annually, a respectable contribution to the parent institution. With the majority of the congregation, a decided interest is felt in the missionary and bible cause.

At *St. John's church, Pequea*, a collection for the Episcopal fund has also been made, amounting to \$20. With respect to this congregation, I can add but little of an encouraging nature, as I visit them but once in four weeks—that frequent intercourse does not exist between minister and people, which is necessary to the satisfaction of the one, or the spiritual improvement of the other. Many of the families, some of whom are the most respectable in the neighbourhood, are warmly attached to the church, and are desirous that by some arrangement a resident pastor might be settled among them. Were this accomplished, I believe the church would flourish in this part of the country.

St. James's, Lancaster—baptisms—4 of which were adults 20—communicants 40—marriages 6.

St. Paul's church, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, by the Rev. R. U. Morgan.—Baptisms, since the first of last July—infants 3—communicants, removed 1, present number 40—marriages 7—burials 15.

To the latter of the above mentioned churches, there is attached a Sunday school, which is under the superintendence of six male and six female teachers. There are between forty and fifty children upon the roll, and about thirty regular in attendance. Attention to it is increasing.

St. James's church, Bristol, the Rev. J. Jaquett, minister—communicants 134—baptisms 2—burials 15—marriages 3.

Trinity church, Easton, the Rev. John Rodney, junior, rector,—baptisms 10, two of which were adults—marriages 8—funerals 7—communicants 25, six of whom have been added during the year past, and five have removed.

The Sunday school attached to the church is flourishing: it consists of 75 scholars, conducted by 16 teachers.

St. Luke's church, Germantown, the Rev. Charles Meredith Dupuy, rector,—baptisms 3—communicants 20—marriages 3—burials 3.

A large number of the families attached to this church are of Philadelphia, and reside in Germantown only during the summer

months. The above report is made of those families who permanently reside in Germantown.

The Sunday school continues under the divine blessing to prosper. The names of one hundred children are entered on the roll. They are generally regular in their attendance. Forty of their number are catechumens.

Return of *St. Gabriel's church, Malattin, the Rev. Levi Bull, rector*—communicants 71—baptisms 15—all children—marriages 4—funerals 29.

Return of *St. Mary's, Chester county, the Rev. Levi Bull, rector*—communicants 92—marriages 24—funerals not known.

Return of *Bangor church, Lancaster county, the Rev. Levi Bull, rector*—communicants 40—marriages, number not known—funerals, number not known.

There is a Sunday school at Malattin, not very flourishing—there are three conducted in the vicinity of St. Mary's church, which promise to be useful, conducted partly by the members of the above church.

There is one at Bangor, in a flourishing state, conducted also partly by the members of that church.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Allen, Resolved*, That the next annual convention of this church be held at Norristown, Montgomery county.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Kemper, Resolved*, That the meeting of the next annual convention be on the first Tuesday after the first Wednesday in May.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Muhlenberg, Resolved*, That every clergyman who does not comply with the 1st section of the 9th regulation of this church, be required at the next convention to assign a reason for the same.

Chief Justice *Tilghman*, Mr. *Deshong*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr. *Clarkson*, Mr. *Pearce*, and Capt. *Wallington* solicited and obtained leave of absense during the remainder of the session.

The convention then adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Morning Prayer was conducted by the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Montgomery—Resolved*, That the

thanks of this convention be returned to the Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, for his Sermon delivered at its opening.

Mr. *Hazlehurst* and Mr. *Miller* obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Clay*—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this convention be given to the friends of the Church in Lancaster, for the hospitality and kindness experienced from them by the members of the convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Sheets*, the committee appointed by the last convention in relation to the supply of vacant congregations, were called upon to report, and reported as follows :

The committee appointed by the last convention to consult with the bishop upon some mode for supplying the vacant congregations in this state with occasional services, &c. beg leave to report that very soon after the adjournment of the convention, a plan was formed, by which each vacant congregation, and each vicinity where it was supposed a few Episcopalians could be found, might be visited from 3 to 4 times in the course of the year. This arrangement required that each clergyman in the state should devote two or three Sundays to missionary purposes. The plan received the approbation of the bishop, and was acted upon for some time with considerable effect. A correspondence was opened with most of the clergy of the Diocese ; several of them had made one or more journies, and others were preparing to go, when the committee felt it their duty, though with great reluctance, to limit, as far as possible, their future operations.— A communication from the treasurer of the convention arrested their attention. They applied to the bishop and his council for advice, and immediately determined that no new arrangements should be made. This step was taken on the 13th of last Dec. on the following account: The committee, in making their plan, found it necessary in order to accomplish the wish of the convention, that several clergymen should travel a considerable distance. Some of the most interesting and promising of our new congregations are a great way off from the residence of any parochial minister. Visits to these members of our church proved to be more expensive than was expected. The demands upon the treasury were increasing, and it was greatly feared that the accomplishment of the whole design would exhaust the funds before the meeting of the convention should arrive.

Although, therefore, all that the committee had anticipated has not been accomplished, they are gratified in stating that much good has been done. It remains for the convention to determine

whether the present plan shall be pursued or a new one be adopted.

The following were arranged in the list of vacant congregations and of places which deserve attention :

Hamiltonville—Susquehanna and Bradford counties—Nescopee and Berwick—Bloomsburg and Jersey-shore—Franklin and Butler counties &c.—Whitemarsh—St. Peter's, Chester valley—Huntingdon county—Adams county—Carlisle—New London cross roads—Mifflin county, &c.—Northumberland, Sunbury, and Milton—Fayette county—Philipsburg—Reading—and Somerset county. York was soon added to the list.

Of these, Whitemarsh has been visited by the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, the Rev. Dr. Bearley, the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg, and several times by the Rev. Mr. Bedell. This Church, one of the earliest established in the state, remains vacant.

St. Peter's, in the Valley, has been visited by the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the Rev. Mr. Allen, and the Rev. Mr. Bull. This church is still vacant.

Huntingdon was visited by the Rev. Mr. Boyd. The Rev. Mr. Nash has been officiating in this interesting county two or three months. The statement of Mr. Boyd is appended to this report.

The church in Adams county has been twice visited by the Rev. Mr. Clarkson. This congregation expects to be united to that of York ; and it is believed that when thus united they can support a clergyman.

Nescopee and Berwick were visited by the Rev. Mr. Sheets. Berwick was likewise visited by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins.

Bloomsbury and Jersey shore were visited by the Rev. Mr. Sheets. The report of this Rev. gentleman will appear below.—Bloomsbury was likewise visited by the Rev. Mr. Dupuy.

New London cross roads has been visited by the Rev. Messrs. Bull, Brinckle and Morgan.

Northumberland, Sunbury and Milton. The Rev. Mr. Clay has officiated at all these places. The Rev. Mr. Rodney has officiated at Northumberland and Milton. Northumberland and Sunbury have been visited by the Rev. Mr. Dupuy and Northumberland by the Rev. Mr. Sheets.

Fayette county was visited by the Rev. Mr. Thompson. The committee are happy to state that since March, the Rev. Mr. Bausman has been settled in this county.

At Hamiltonville, the Rev. Messrs. Bedell, Allen and Kemper have preached.

The congregations in Susquehanna and Bradford counties were visited by the Rev. Mr. Roche in August last, and have since been visited by the Rev. Mr. Sitgreaves. The statement of Mr. Sitgreaves deserves attention.

The Rev. Messrs. Dupuy and Nash have officiated at Reading.

Before Carlisle could be visited, it was most happily supplied by the Rev. Professor Spencer.

The other places have not been visited under the direction of the committee.

All which, with the accompanying documents, is respectfully submitted.

JACKSON KEMPER,
On behalf of the Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Muhlenberg*, *Resolved*, That the committee of publication be required to form a digest of the information presented in the report of the committee for the supply of vacant congregations, in order to have it inserted in the Journal of this convention.

This digest will be found appended to the Journal.

On motion of Mr. *Meredith*, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report to the next convention, a plan for raising a fund and providing means for supplying the vacant congregations and vicinities in this diocese: and that in the mean while the said committee, with the approbation of the Bishop, take such measures as they may find practicable for accomplishing that object, with the same powers which were granted to the committee appointed at the last convention.

The Rev. Dr. Beasley, the Rev. Mr. Kemper, and the Rev. Mr. Boyd were appointed the committee.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. *Sheets*, *Resolved*, That in future it shall be the duty of the Clergy, in any place where the State Convention may be held, to provide, if possible, private accommodations for both the Clergy and Lay Delegates who may attend the same.

The convention then went into an election for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, to be nominated to the general convention, and in pursuance of the report of the committee on that subject, six were chosen absolutely, and one conditionally.

The following persons were elected, absolutely: the Rev. Mr. *Kemper*, Rev. Mr. *Boyd*, Rev. Mr. *Montgomery*, Rev. Mr. *Bedell*, Mr. *John Read*, and Chief Justice *Tilghman*.

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The Rev. Mr. *Allen* was chosen on the contingency that the Diocese is entitled to another Trustee.

On motion of Mr. *Robinson*, the accounts of the Treasurer of the Convention and of the Episcopal Fund were read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay such part of the expenses of the General Convention as may be apportioned to this Diocese.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. *Kemper* and the Secretary be the committee of publication.

The Convention then adjourned sine die.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY,
Secretary.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia.—The united churches of Christ Church, St. Peter's Church and St. James's Church—St. Paul's Church, St. Stephen's Church, St. Andrew's Church, and St. Thomas's (African) Church.

Northern Liberties.—St. John's Church.

Southwark.—Trinity Church.

Lower Dublin Township.—All Saints Church.

Oxford Township.—Trinity Church.

Germantown.—St. Luke's Church.

Blockley Township, Mantua.—St. Mark's Church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester.—St. Paul's Church.

Lower Chichester Township, Marcus Hook.—St. Martin's Church

Concord Township.—St. John's Church.

Radnor Township.—St. David's Church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London Township.—St. John's Church.

East Nantmeal Township.—St. Mary's Church.

Valley.—St. Peter's Church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster.—St. James's Church.

Pequea Township.—St. John's Church.

Leacock Township.—Christ Church.

Caernarvon Township, Church Town.—Bangor Church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol.—St. James the Greater's Church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh Township.—St. Thomas's Church.

Perkiomen Township.—St. James's Church.

Norristown.—St. John's Church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity Township.—St. Gabriel's Church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton.—Trinity Church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton.—Christ Church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf Township.—St. Gabriel's Church.

Bloomsbury.—St. Paul's Church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncey Creek Township.—St. James's Church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkes-Barre.—St. Stephen's Church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike. ——— Church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville. ——— Church.

New Milford. ——— Church.

YORK COUNTY.

York.—St. John's Church.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntington Township.—Christ Church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle.—St. John's Church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon.—St. John's Church.

ALLEGANY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh.—Trinity Church.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg.—Christ Church.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

OF THE

DIOCESS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

May, 1823.

- The Right Rev. William White, D. D. Bishop, Senior of the American Church, presiding in the House of Bishops, and Rector of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Robert Blackwell, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Joseph Pilmore, D. D. residing in Philadelphia.
- The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. Senior Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Frederick Beasley, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Bird Wilson, D. D. Professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.
- The Rev. Joseph Clarkson, Associate Rector of St. James's Church, Lancaster, and St. John's Church, Pequea, and Rector of Christ Church, Leacock.
- The Rev. Robert Ayres, residing in Brownsville, Fayette county.
- The Rev. Francis Reno, officiating in Beaver county.
- The Rev. James Wiltbank, Master of the Grammar School in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Caleb Hopkins, Rector of St. James's Church, Muncey Creek, Lycoming county, and St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf, Columbia county.
- The Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Berks county, St. Mary's, Chester county, and Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. John Taylor, residing in Pittsburgh.
- The Rev. Jackson Kemper, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, N. Liberties, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Jehu C. Clay, Rector of St. James's Church, Perkiomen, and St. John's, Norristown, Montgomery county.

- The Rev. James Montgomery, Rector of St. Stephen's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. Benjamin Allen, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.
- The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.
- The Rev. John P. Bausman, Jr. officiating in Brownsville and Connelville, Fayette county.
- The Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of St. David's, Radnor, and St. John's, Concord.
- The Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, Associate Rector of St. James's, Lancaster, and St. John's, Pequea, Lancaster county.
- The Rev. John Rodney, junior, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton county.
- The Rev. William H. De Lancey, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, St. Peter's, and St. James's, Philadelphia.
- The Rev. William Thompson, Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Alleghany county.
- The Rev. Joseph Spencer, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, and Professor of Languages in Dickinson College.
- The Rev. Joseph Jaquett, officiating at Bristol, Bucks county.
- The Rev. Samuel Sitgreaves, junior, Deacon, officiating in St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, Luzerne county.
- The Rev. Norman Nash, Deacon, officiating in Huntingdon county.
- The Rev. Moses P. Bennet, Deacon, officiating in Greensburgh, and Kittanning.
- The Rev. Richard U. Morgan, Deacon, officiating in St. Paul's, Chester, and St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, Delaware county.

Total 34.

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, in account with T. H. White, Treasurer. Cr.

1833 May 10	To James Maxwell's bill for printing Journal of General Convention, ordered to be paid by State Convention,	58	75	1832 May 10	By this sum received from J. Read, Esq. former Treasurer, balance on his hands,	392	99
15 17 23	To this sum paid for account and receipt book,	63	62	September 3	By Annual Contributions received from sundry Churches during Session of Convention : Easton, Trinity Church, per Rev. J. Rodney, \$10 for 1821 and 1822,	5	5
	To James Maxwell's bill for printing,	300			Radnor, St. David's Church, per J. P. Sheaff,		
	To this sum deposited in Saving Fund,	30			St. John's Church, Concord, pr. John Pearce, Jr.,		
September 3	To this sum paid Rev. G. Boyd his expenses as a Missionary, per order of Committee,	1	69	1833	Southwark Trinity Church, per J. D. George,	5	5
	To this sum paid Committee of Missions, expenses of Mr. Sheets,	13			Germantown, St. Luke's Church, per Rev. Mr. Dupuy,		
	Mr. Rodney,	12	32		Norristown, St. John's Church, per L. Pawling, Esq.,		
1833	28 Paid J. Harding's bill for printing Journal, 500 copies,	40	05	June 1 October 28 November 15	Perkiomen, St. James's Church, per W. Casalsberry,	10	5
	Paid Rev. Mr. Dupuy, per order of Rev. Mr. Kemper, charges as a Missionary,	28	59		Lower Dublin, All Saints Church, per James Boyer,		
	To this sum remitted E. R. Jones, Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, New York, per order of Standing Committee of the Diocese, money collected by Female Association for "The Bishop White's Scholarship,"	2500			Trinity Church, Oxford, per Sereck Fox,	5	5
May 6	To balance of fund received for above account, 70 cents, for postage,	70		1833 January 10	By this year's annual contribution from United Churches, Christ Church, St. Peter's and St. James's, By do. from St. Paul's, for 3 years,		
	To balance in Treasurer's hands,	18	77		By Church at Lancaster, received		
					Received from Messrs. Hale & Davidson, for United States stock, belonging to Female Association for "Bishop White's Scholarship," \$2208 17	292	53
		\$3074		13	Received from Rev. Mr. Kemper, for same purpose, withdrawn from Saving fund,		
						\$2500	70
						\$3074	69

We, the subscribers, appointed a committee to examine the accounts of Thomas H. White, Treasurer of the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, have performed that duty, and find the same correct, and the payments supported by proper vouchers, leaving a balance in his hands this day of eighteen dollars and seventy-seven cents, and that there has been invested by him in the Saving Fund, the sum of three hundred dollars.

GEORGE BOYD,
CORNELIUS COMEGYS, } Committee.
Philadelphia, May 6, 1833.

THOMAS H. WHITE,
Treasurer of the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, May 6, 1833.

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund in the Diocess of Pennsylvania, in account with John Read, Treasurer.* Cr.

1832	1833						
May 17	To cash paid Messrs. Mc'Euen, Hale & Davidson,	\$300	21	By cash being the proceeds of the annual sermon in	Christ Church, Philadelphia,	\$71	39
May 23	To do.	83		By do. in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia,	-	46	67
	To do.	115	86	By do. in St. Peter's do.	-	88	60
October 18	To do.	108	16	By do. in St. James's do.	-	137	55
	To do.			By do. in St. James's Church, Lancaster,	-	83	
January 11	To do. paid Messrs. Hale & Davidson,	109	69	By do. in Trinity Church, Oxford,	-	5	45
April 10	To do.	131	24	By do. in All Saints Church, Lower Dublin,	-	3	91
29	To do.	190	6	By do. three months interest on United States 6 per	cent. stock,	106	50
				By do.	do.	108	16
				By do.	do.	169	69
				By do. being a collection in St. John's Church, Peques,	-	90	
				By do. three months interest on United States 6 per	cent. stock,	111	24
				By do. being a collection in Christ Church, Phila-	delphia,	87	87
				By do. in St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia,	-	54	98
				By do. in St. James's do.	do.	83	21
						\$1044	23
We, the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the standing committee, have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers for the items on the debit and credit side thereof, and find the same to be correct.				JOHN READ, Treasurer.			
GEORGE BOYD, CORNELIUS COMEGYS, Committee.				<i>Philadelphia, May 5, 1833.</i>			
<i>Philadelphia, May 6, 1833.</i>							

The surviving trustees of the Episcopal Fund, for the Diocese of Pennsylvania, report to the standing committee—

That since their last report, made on the 23d day of April, 1822, the treasurer has received \$1044 22 from collections made in the churches, and from the interest on United States stock. This sum, as it was received, was immediately laid out, but the stock purchased with it, being at the time at an advance, the trustees could procure with it but \$999 57. These investments, in addition to the former purchases, will make the whole amount of six per cent. stock, belonging to the Episcopal Fund at this time, seven thousand seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and nine cents.

JOHN READ, } *Surviving*
RICHARD DALE, } *Trustees.*

Philadelphia, May 6, 1823.

*Bought by order of John Read, Esquire, Treasurer of the
Episcopate Fund.*

1822		6 per cent of 1814.			
	May 22	\$287 28	at	104 $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent	\$300 21
	June 4	80 20	-	103 $\frac{1}{2}$ -	83 00
	July 16	110 34	-	105 -	115 86
	October 18	112 04	-	106 -	108 16
1823	January 22	103 48	-	106 -	109 69
	April 22	126 80	-	103 $\frac{1}{2}$ -	131 24
	May 2	189 43	-	do. -	196 06
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		\$992 57		<hr/>	
				\$1044 22	
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The stock transferred to John Read, Thomas M'Euen, and Richard Dale, in trust, and payment received from John Read, Esq.

HALE & DAVIDSON, *Philadelphia.*

AN ABSTRACT

OF THE DOCUMENTS WHICH ACCOMPANIED THE REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPPLY OF VACANT CHURCHES.

Referred to at page 25.

AT Northumberland the Rev. *Mr. Sheets* reports, there is scarcely the appearance of a congregation. He preached here three times, once in a brick church, a part of which belongs to the Episcopalians. At Bloomsburg he baptized a child, administered the communion, and preached five times. Mr. S. likewise visited Jerseytown, Berwick and Nescopeec. He was absent three Sundays during the months of August and September, and preached during his visit 19 times. "Our congregations" says he, "have been good, and, I would hope that the word has not altogether fallen to the ground. Many appear sincerely pious, and are, I trust, inquiring their way with their faces thitherward."

The Rev. *Mr. Clarkson* visited Christ Church, Huntington, Adams county, on Monday, the first of September, preached to a crowded and mixed congregation, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to 15 persons. During divine service, great solemnity prevailed. A strong attachment to the church in every particular was evident. 5 Infants were baptized. The congregation consists of about 25 families, who are desirous of having regular service. They are unable, at present, to raise more than \$200, and would be satisfied with the third part of a Clergyman's time. During the pastoral charge of the late lamented Rev. Mr. Woodruff, they had *half his time* and services—and Carlisle the other. But the church at Carlisle being now supplied by the Rev. Professor Spencer, the Huntington congregation have formed a connexion with the church at York—the two churches being about 18 miles apart, and are ready to receive and encourage the application of any respectable Clergyman.—The York congregation can raise about \$300, exclusive of a very spacious and convenient parsonage house and garden, &c.

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I am thus particular, says Mr. Clarkson, at the request of one of the parties, acting for both, at once to show their desire for a pastor, and their ability to support one, however small at present, that no disappointment may ensue from *exaggerated* statements, which is too often the case.

It is further suggested, however, that an increase of both the congregations, and consequently, an increase of support, will take place as soon as a regular clergyman is settled among them.

Mr. Clarkson paid a second visit to this congregation in December last, when the Lord's Supper was again administered, and a child baptized.

The Rev. Mr. Boyd visited the county of Huntingdon in November. The Episcopalians in the town of Huntingdon and its vicinity are numerous. 51 persons, the most of whom have families, profess to belong to the church. The house of worship is at present owned by them, in union with the Lutherans and Presbyterians; but it is their intention, in the event of their being able to obtain the stated services of a clergyman, either to purchase the whole of the present building, or erect a new one. 12 children were baptized here.

Mr. Boyd officiated at Watersteet, nine miles up the Junata, and found a few Episcopalians—and learnt that at Race-town-branch, about 12 miles from Huntingdon, there were a few more.

“On the 6th of November, says Mr. Boyd, I left Huntingdon and went to Mr. Cromwell's, in the neighbourhood of Shirleyburgh, where an appointment had been made for me to preach that evening. Mr. Davis, an aged and pious member of the church at Huntingdon, accompanied me on my way, about eight miles, who at parting, with much feeling, begged that the friends of the Redeemer would remember their forlorn condition, and induce some zealous and pious minister to come and settle among them. On leaving this interesting neighbourhood, I was forcibly reminded of our Lord's words to his disciples, when he saw the multitude of his countrymen without any to show them the way of salvation, ‘they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd: then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.’—That this scripture applies to the members of other churches, I will not venture to say, but it is literally true of Episcopalians there.

“On reaching Mr. Cromwell's, I found a number of persons assembled from the surrounding country, some of whom had come eight or nine miles. The place appointed for public worship, was crowded by an attentive and serious congregation. At this time I baptized a child.

"The prospects of the Episcopal church in this section of the country are encouraging. Mr. Cromwell told me that he had no doubt a church might be built here, during the next summer, if they could procure the regular services of a clergyman one-half or even one-third of the time."

During this visit, Mr. Boyd was absent three weeks.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Allen.—In obedience to the directions of the convention, I visited the church in the valley, and the village of Hamilton. In the former, a strong attachment to the church was manifested, and a considerable congregation attended. Ten miles from the church, large congregations assembled in the woods, and some hopes are entertained, that by the blessing of God, on the exertions of a venerable member of our flock, a house of worship will be erected.

In Hamilton, a sum nearly adequate to the completion of a "house of prayer," has been subscribed, and it is believed a building will be put up.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson visited Brownsville, Union-town, and Connellsville, in November. Some ten or fifteen years past, says he, there was not less than five congregations belonging to the church, in the vicinity of Brownsville—one at West's church, six miles from Brownsville, one at Jackson's church, 7 miles, one at Muddy Creek, 11 miles, one at Red stone, 12 miles from Brownsville—the name of the other I forget—these congregations through the want of clergymen to settle in this part of the country, are nearly all gone to other denominations, yet it is believed, if a missionary could be sent among them, many of them would return to the church.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Dupuy.—During the time of my absence, which was something more than two weeks, I preached at Reading, Sunbury, Northumberland and Bloomsburg. At Reading I preached in the Lutheran church, by invitation from the Rev. Mr. Muhlenberg. The English inhabitants of the town attended generally—six or seven families attached to our Communion, reside there, besides several, I am told, well inclined to the church. An Episcopalian informed me that a lot had been left many years since to the church. I went to see it. It is situated in the most central and valuable part of the town. It appears to me, from the opinion I have been enabled to form, that if missionary aid could be afforded, the Episcopalians of Reading would be incited to raise a church. I have since heard, but I know not whether it be correct, that a missionary was sent to this place many years before the revolution, by the venerable society

of the church of England. I am inclined to think, if the Society for the Advancement of Christianity would be willing to send a missionary there now, we should soon have the pleasure of seeing a new church added to our communion.

From Reading I proceeded directly to Northumberland, and preached there twice; I also preached twice at Sunbury. The people appear gratified in these places with visits from clergymen of our church, but have no hope of ever being able to settle a clergyman among them.

From Northumberland I went to Bloomsburg, about twenty miles distant up the north branch of the Susquehanna; I preached there in the evening, in the Episcopal church; the church was well filled: I am told there are between thirty and forty families attached to it.

Report of the Rev. Messrs. Brinckle & Morgan, concerning the Church at New London.—The congregation we found in a very destitute situation, as we had expected. But little vital piety was visible among them. At the same time it was gratifying to see by their ready attendance, that they had not lost all relish for the public services of the church. Though but little direct benefit could be expected from the few sermons we preached among them, yet indirectly it seems likely to produce a beneficial result. They are now making efforts to have their church supplied, and for this purpose have started a subscription. They also contemplate repairing their house. May the Great Head of the church strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Bull.—I visited and preached to the congregation of St. Peter's Church, in the Great Valley, Chester county, and also administered the holy communion to about twelve persons. Religion seems to be in a languishing state here; but as the Congregation is not very small, and the funds of the church such as to afford a moderate compensation for the services of a clergyman one half of his time, hopes are entertained, that with the blessing of God, an augmented attention to their eternal interests might be produced.

I also visited and preached to the congregation, near New London Cross Roads in the above county. The people are very much scattered, and except in a few instances, zeal for the interests of the church seems nearly extinguished. Unless efforts be soon made for their resuscitation, with the present generation will expire that languishing congregation.

The Rev. Mr. Clay reported, that he visited and officiated at Milton, Northumberland and Sunbury. In these towns there

are but few Episcopal families, and but little to encourage missionary efforts; unless, indeed, the low and languishing state of our church in those places be a motive to exertion for its revival.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Sitgreaves.—I have just returned from my excursion through Susquehanna county, and the gratification I derived from it would have been complete and unmingled, had I not been seized with a violent illness, which limited the extent of my tour. I am, however, fast recovering, and I take this earliest occasion to communicate to you the result of my observations. I should be very reluctant to express, what I think I have reason to believe, of the favourable prospects of our church in that quarter, were it not that I can confirm the justness of my impressions by the decided testimony of Judge Scott, and of every one, indeed, acquainted with the true state of things. I am fully persuaded there is no better missionary ground in our Diocess. A large portion of the population is Episcopal, and Episcopal not from chance or accident, but from the training and culture of early years, and from subsequent inquiry and conviction. Those who have now attained mature age, passed the first period of their lives in Connecticut, at a time when the church was yet in its infancy, and struggling with a powerful opposition, and the prejudices of a century; but when its principles were canvassed and brought to light, and men embraced them from the thorough approbation of their understandings and the impulses of their conscience. The Episcopalians of Susquehanna are in consequence more truly Episcopalian, and better acquainted with the history of the church, the nature of its institutions, the reasons upon which its peculiarities are founded, and the arguments by which they have been defended, than the members generally of any congregation I know any thing of out of the city, and perhaps I might say within the city too. In their hands are found the trial of Episcopacy, Skinner's Truth and Order, Bishop Seabury's Sermons, Daubeney's Guide to the Church, Nelson's Festivals and Fasts, and other works, explanatory of the tenets of the church, with the contents of which they are perfectly familiar; the Wyalusing congregation have recently purchased Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History, and other writings, in which they will doubtless be soon well versed as in the old stock. Several of the Episcopalians of Susquehanna are gentlemen of liberal education; and others even, who are comparatively most uncultivated, and uninformed in other subjects, are nevertheless quite intelligent in church matters; and so remarkable has been their adherence to the church, an adherence not arising from mere feeling and fancy and "liking," but produced by conscientious inquiry and conviction, that there is no instance

among them of a dereliction of early attachment, though from 10 to 40 years severed from the rest of their fellow Episcopalians, deprived of the ministrations of their Clergymen, and surrounded by the solicitations of other sects.

Hitherto nothing more has been done, than to excite their attention, awaken their dormant predilections, animate their zeal, and form their detached portions into organized congregations: the very crisis has then, just now arrived, which demands peculiar and immediate attention. The *old* have held firm by the faith of their fathers thus far through life; but to the religious mind it is hard to die unconnected with any Church; and unless the endearing offices of their own Clergy are renewed among them, they will soon pass, however reluctantly, into the pale of other denominations; and either bear their families along, or weaken their present attachment: while the *young*, whose predispositions have not as yet become fully confirmed by a sufficient familiarity with our services, are already detaching themselves from our number.

In addition to this, there are many populous spots totally deprived of the ministrations of any denomination, and still more, which enjoy only the occasional services of Itinerants. The mouth of the Tunchannock is surrounded by a populous settlement, but there is no Clergyman within 15 miles on that side of the river, and the occasional preaching of some Baptist or Methodist is very rare at the place. On the Tunchannock, about 10 miles from its mouth, is a secluded valley, inhabited almost entirely by Episcopalians, who, for a few years past, have held a "reading meeting" on the Sunday, and also kept up a small Sunday School, principally under the direction of Mr. Rose, formerly a vestryman of Trinity Church, Easton, and yet this interesting spot has not been trod by the foot of an Episcopal Clergyman.—About 7 miles above Tunchannock, on the river, around the residence of Mr. Heisz, a gentleman of fortune and education, formerly of Philadelphia—there is another little band, who, a few years ago, made their preparations for a "reading-meeting," which, however, was unfortunately frustrated by some sudden casualties. During my tour I baptized the 8 children of Mr. Heisz at his house, and received his assurances of liberal support to a missionary who would occasionally officiate in his vicinity, which is but 10 miles from Springville. Not long since there was also a reading meeting in the neighbourhood of Silver Lake. Indeed there is scarcely a spot in the county in which, with proper pains and conduct, a small congregation might not readily

be formed. And I fervently hope and pray this truly interesting quarter may not long be unsupplied with the services of an intelligent and steady clergyman.

The congregation at Springville, where I preached repeatedly, have erected a commodious building, which they are compelled to use at present for the double purpose of a School House and a Church. Several gentlemen have recently come forward and taken a very active and zealous part in the Church affairs; and it was with much satisfaction that I observed in the congregation the indications of real and increasing piety. I trust some zealous and interesting Missionary may soon be furnished them.

At Wyalusing they are about commencing the building of their Church, which they propose to make not less than 30 feet by 40, and perhaps larger. The situation they have chosen is judicious and commanding, on an eminence overhanging the valley; and there is great reason to believe, that when the edifice is completed, and the services of the Church renewed, the entire surrounding population will become Episcopalian. "Reading Meetings" are regularly held on Sundays, both here and at Springville, and at this latter place, there is a Sunday School. The Wyalusing School will, I expect, shortly be re-commenced. At Springville I performed two Baptizms. The communion has been administered but once among the great body of Episcopalians in this county: this was last summer on the Wyalusing, when 19 members of our Church partook of the ordinance: four of these were from the Springville congregation. A very large number are anxious to receive confirmation, and many, it is expected, will, for that purpose, be at Wilkes-Barre at the time of the Bishop's anticipated visit. Many, it is also expected, will be there with the hope of participating once more in the communion.

Such is the information my tour has afforded me, relative to the state of things in Susquehanna; a representation, in which I acknowledge my feelings have betrayed themselves, but for the correctness of which, I can adduce the testimony of every one acquainted with the county: and I feel persuaded that a visit to this truly interesting people, would produce in the feelings of every one, a similar impression to that which prevails in mine. I wish it were in my power to make to the Convention, and to the more fortunate Episcopalians of other parts, a persuasive appeal in favour of this quarter of our church. Can no one be found, who, animated with that missionary spirit which prevails in our sister diocese of New York, will penetrate into this new country, where growing with its growth, he will raise around him flourishing congre-

gations, who will bear to his garner the first fruits of their fields, and in love, in kindness, and in gratitude, repay him richly for all his labours? Susquehanna contains a population of 12,000, and yet possesses but *two* resident clergymen, a baptist, and a methodist! A very large portion of this population is Episcopal, and surely their claim upon the assistance of the church is very peculiar and strong.

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